



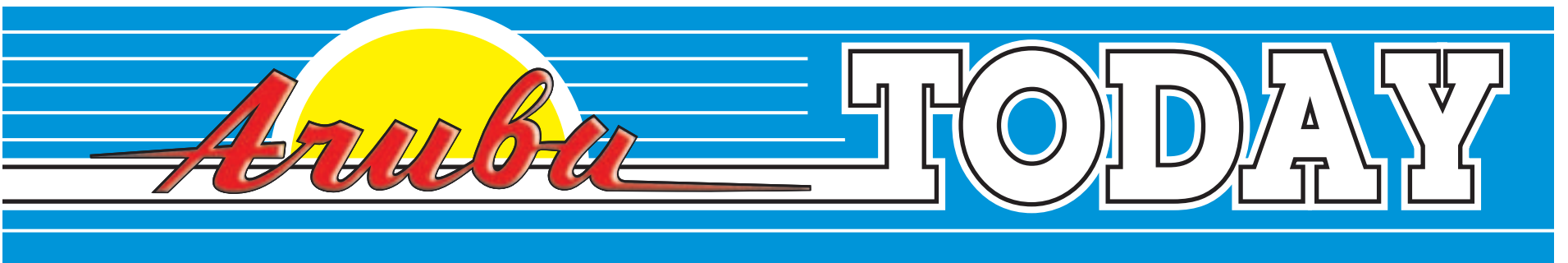
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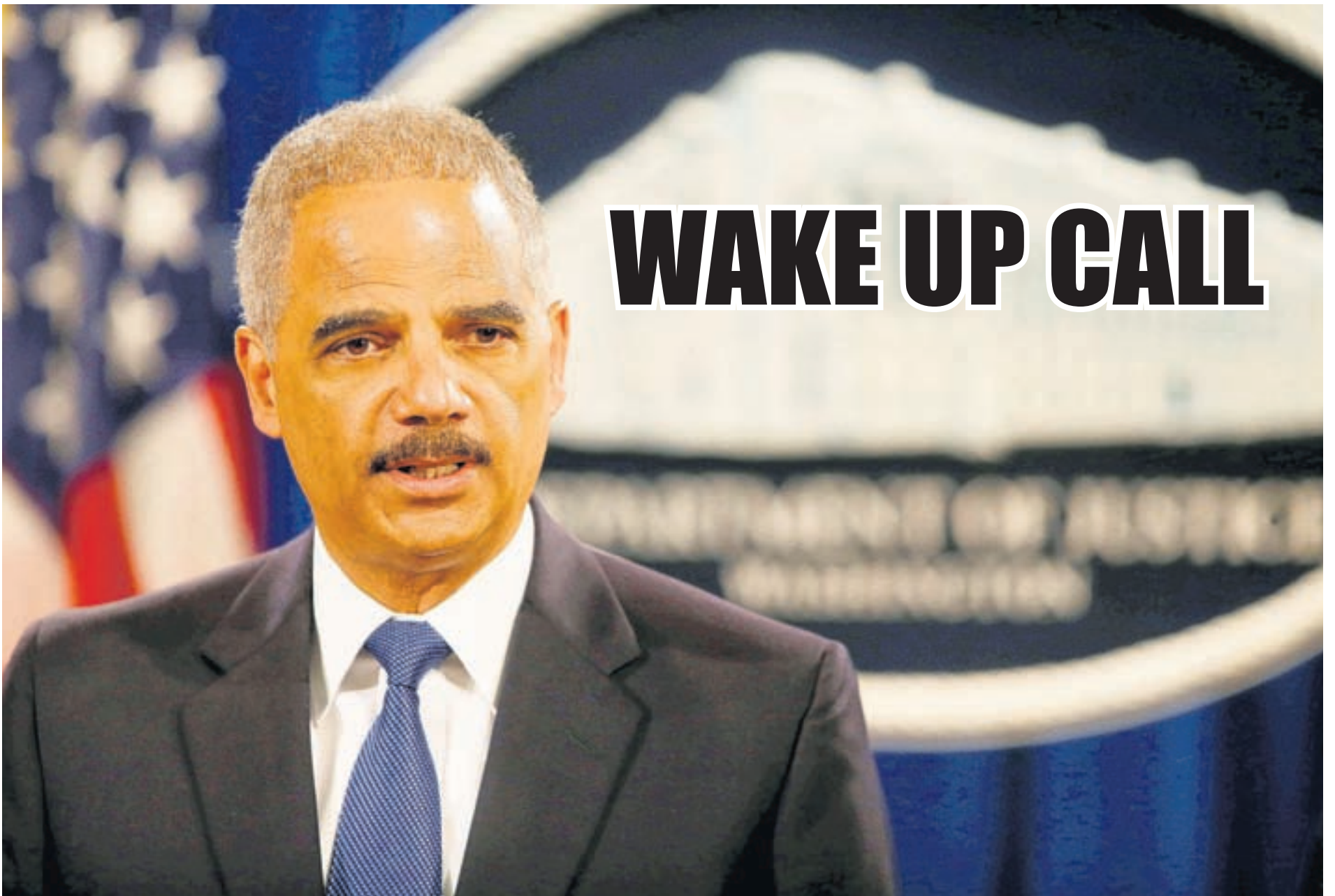


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Attorney General Eric Holder speaks at a news conference at the Justice Department in Washington, Monday, May 19, 2014. Holder announced that a U.S. grand jury has charged five Chinese hackers with economic espionage and trade secret theft, the first-of-its-kind criminal charges against Chinese military officials in an international cyber-espionage case.

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

US Charges Chinese Officials With Cyberspying

ERIC TUCKER Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — Accusing China of vast business spying, the United States charged five military officials on Monday with hacking into U.S. companies to steal vital trade secrets in a case intensify-

ing already-rising tensions between the international economic giants. The Chinese targeted big-name American makers of nuclear and solar technology, stealing confidential business information, sensitive trade secrets and internal communications for

competitive advantage, according to a grand jury indictment that the Justice Department said should be a national “wake-up call” about cyber intrusions. A company’s success in the international marketplace should not be based “on a sponsor government’s abil-

ity to spy and steal business secrets,” Attorney General Eric Holder declared at a news conference. The alleged targets were Alcoa World Alumina, Westinghouse Electric Co., Allegheny Technologies, U.S. Steel Corp., the United Steelworkers Union and So-

larWorld. The indictment, which includes charges of trade-secret theft and economic espionage, was issued in Pittsburgh, where most of the companies are based.

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Kremlin announces Ukraine pullback; NATO skeptical

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MOSCOW - The Kremlin announced Monday that President Vladimir Putin had ordered Russian troops conducting exercises along the Ukrainian border to return to their home bases at the conclusion of the drills, apparently sending another loud signal that Russia is not planning any military action in eastern Ukraine ahead of that country's presidential elections Sunday.

However, the NATO secretary general, Anders Fogh Rasmussen, said the Western allies had not seen any sign of a withdrawal of Russian forces. During a news conference in Brussels, Rasmussen noted that it was the third such statement by Putin without any evidence of a pullback of troops or equipment from the Ukrainian border.

The Kremlin statement said Putin had ordered the withdrawal of military units in conducting drills in the Rostov, Belgorod and Bryansk regions of western Russia. At the same time, it called for "the immediate halt of punitive operations and use of force" by the Ukrainian government and demanded "resolution of the various problems through peaceful means alone." Even as a series of national round-table talks have begun in Ukraine aimed at resolving the country's political crisis, the provisional government in the capital, Kiev, has pressed on with a

security operation aimed at suppressing the armed pro-Russian separatists in eastern Ukraine. The government refers to the separatists, who have seized some public buildings, as terrorists.

Sporadic violence, including injuries and deaths, has continued throughout eastern Ukraine in recent

days. On Sunday night, local news agencies reported that armed pro-Russian separatists had seized a police station in the city of Luhansk.



Russian President Vladimir Putin shakes hands with upper parliament chamber speaker Valentina Matviyenko prior to the Security Council meeting in the Russian Black Sea resort of Sochi on Monday, May 19, 2014. Russian President Vladimir Putin has ordered troops deployed in regions near Ukraine to return to their home bases, the Kremlin said Monday.

The Kremlin's call for an end to the Ukrainian government's campaign against the separatists was reiterated

The Kremlin statement offered some praise for the round-table negotiations, which involve discussions of two alternate plans to give more authority to local officials.

The Kiev government is pushing a decentralization plan that would give more

part" the Kremlin said. In a sign of the continuing mistrust, Lavrov warned against any effort by Kiev to use the round-table talks as public window dressing while secretly pursuing other changes in government structure behind the scenes in Parliament.

LATIN BRIEFS

Mediators seek to restore crisis talks in Caracas

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Foreign mediators are in Caracas trying to get talks between Venezuela's government and the opposition back on track after they went off the rails a week ago. The foreign ministers of Brazil, Colombia and Ecuador and a representative of the Vatican held separate closed-door meetings with the two sides on Sunday. The opposition last week froze month-old negotiations aimed at easing the country's political crisis to protest mass arrests at anti-government protests. It is refusing to return to the negotiating table until the government makes progress on proposals ranging from an amnesty for jailed activists and a non-partisan truth commission to probe the circumstances that have led to at least 41 deaths since anti-government protests began in February. □

Storm brings hail to Brazil's largest city of Sao Paulo

SAO PAULO (AP)

— A storm has brought marble-sized hail to the city of Sao Paulo, leaving some streets flooded or coated in white in Brazil's largest city. The Center for Emergency Management said Monday the storm, which brought 0.4 inch (10 centimeters) of moisture, broke a dry spell that caused historically low levels at the main dams that supply water to Sao Paulo. Residents in Sao Paulo wondered at the ice balls that decorated their yards and gardens even up to early Monday. Some told local news media that their children had never seen hail or played with ice before Sunday's storm. Many Sao Paulo residents struggled to keep their balance on the ice and the storm stranded cars in some neighborhoods. □

Russian oligarch faces \$4.5 billion Swiss divorce

JOHN HEILPRIN
Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — A Swiss court has ordered a Russian billionaire to pay more than \$4.5 billion to his ex-wife in what could become the biggest divorce settlement in history.

In papers delivered Monday to both parties, the Geneva Tribunal of First Instance said Dmitry Rybolovlev, an owner of the French soccer club AS Monaco, must pay 4,020,555,987.80 Swiss francs (\$4,509,375,184.80) to ex-wife Elena Rybolovleva of Geneva. Both are

aged 47. The judgment also granted his ex-wife property worth 130.5 million francs (\$146 million) in property in Gstaad, Switzerland, where the couple owned two swanky chalets. It awarded his ex-wife two other pieces of real estate in the ultra-wealthy area of Geneva known as Cologny, where the couple once lived together, but listed no value for either address. And it confirmed her custody of their 13-year-old daughter, Anna. The couple also has an adult daughter, Ekaterina.

Her lawyer Marc Bonnant called it "the most expensive divorce in history" — an unheard-of amount for Switzerland and for Russian oligarchs — but said he expected an appeal within 30 days.

A separate statement by Bonnant and two other lawyers in the case, Corinne Corminboeuf Harari and Caroline Schumacher, called the record judgment "a complete victory" for her and said that under Swiss law she was entitled to half the fortune

he made during their marriage. Most of his fortune was transferred to Cyprus-based trusts in 2005.

"One may reasonably presume that Mr. Rybolovlev will appeal," her lawyers said.

"But the judgment shows already that, for the Geneva Tribunal of First Instance, no one — not even a Russian tycoon who put his fabulous fortune into legal structures such as trusts and offshore companies — is above the law." Rybolovlev's lawyer declined to comment. □

New Hampshire: Police official resigns in wake of Obama slur

WOLFEBORO, New Hampshire (AP) — The police commissioner of a small U.S. town has resigned after he admitted using a racial slur to describe President Barack Obama, a town official said Monday. Robert Copeland, 82, resigned Sunday night from the post to which he was re-elected in March, putting to rest a controversy that drew national attention and sparked impassioned debate in this resort town of 6,300 on the shore of Lake Winnepesaukee, Board of Selectmen Chair Linda Murray said. Copeland has not returned several calls seeking comment.

At a meeting last week, Copeland defiantly sat with his arms folded as more than 100 residents pushed for his ouster and tore into his comments, saying he didn't speak for the town or its people. Copeland admitted using the slur, preceded by an obscenity, while he was at a restaurant in March. A resident overheard him and complained to town officials when she learned that Copeland was a police commissioner.

"I believe I did use the 'N' word in reference to the current occupant of the Whitehouse," Copeland said in the April email sent to the two other commissioners and forwarded to O'Toole. "For this, I do not apologize — he meets and exceeds my criteria for such."

Mitt Romney, the former Republican presidential nominee and the former Massachusetts governor, owns a home in the town and called for Copeland's resignation, saying "the vile epithet used and confirmed by the commissioner has no place in our community."

About 20 black people live year-round in Wolfboro, in the scenic Lakes Region of New Hampshire, a state that's 94 percent white and 1 percent black. □

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China denied it all. In a statement, the Foreign Ministry said the charges were based on "fabricated facts" and would jeopardize China-U.S. "cooperation and mutual trust."

"China is steadfast in upholding cybersecurity," said the statement. "The Chinese government, the Chinese military and their relevant personnel have never engaged or participated in cybertheft of trade secrets."

The U.S. accusation against Chinese personnel is purely ungrounded and absurd."

The charges underscore a longtime Obama administration goal to prosecute state-sponsored cyberthreats, which U.S. officials say they have grappled with for years. One government report said more than 40 Pentagon weapons programs and nearly 30 other defense technologies have been compromised by cyber intrusions from China. The cybersecurity firm Mandiant issued a report last year alleging links between a secret Chinese military unit and years of cyberattacks against U.S. companies.

Monday's prosecution was announced on the heels of a separate worldwide op-



Press materials are displayed on a table of the Justice Department in Washington, Monday, May 19, 2014, before Attorney General Eric Holder was to speak at a news conference. Holder was announcing that a U.S. grand jury has charged five Chinese hackers with economic espionage and trade secret theft, the first-of-its-kind criminal charges against Chinese military officials in an international cyber-espionage case.

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

eration over the weekend that resulted in the arrests of 97 people in 16 countries who are suspected of developing, distributing or using malicious software called BlackShades.

The new indictment attempts to distinguish spying for national security purposes — which the U.S. admits doing — from economic espionage intended to gain commercial advantage for private companies or industries, which

the U.S. denies it does. Classified documents disclosed by former National Security Agency analyst Edward Snowden have described aggressive U.S. efforts to eavesdrop on foreign communications that would be illegal in those countries.

Unlike in some countries, there are no nationalized U.S. industries. American officials have flatly denied that the government spies on foreign companies and then hands over commer-

cially valuable information to U.S. companies. In China, though, many companies are state owned, particularly those that supply the military.

"These five people were just doing their jobs. It's just that we object to what their jobs are," said Mark Rasch, a former U.S. cybercrimes prosecutor. "We have tens of thousands of dedicated, hard-working Americans who are just doing their jobs, too." □

CIA: Will not use vaccination programs for spying

STEPHEN BRAUN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A top White House official has assured the deans of prominent U.S. public health schools that the CIA will no longer use vaccination programs as cover for spying operations. The agency used the ruse in targeting Osama bin Laden before the U.S. raid that killed him in 2011.

Lisa Monaco, President Barack Obama's top counterterrorism adviser, wrote to the deans of 13 public health schools last week, saying that the CIA has agreed it would no longer use vaccination programs or workers for intelligence

purposes. The agency also agreed to not use genetic materials obtained through such programs.

A Pakistani doctor, Shakil Afridi, provided polio vaccinations in the Pakistani city of Abbottabad as cover for his CIA-backed effort to obtain DNA samples from children at a compound where bin Laden was later killed during a 2011 raid. Afridi was convicted and sentenced by a Pakistani court to 33 years in prison for treason. The sentence was later overturned and Afridi faces a retrial.

The health school deans were among a group of medical authorities who publicly criticized the CIA's

use of the vaccination program after it was disclosed by media accounts and Pakistan's arrest of Afridi as a CIA operative.

In her May 16 letter to the health school deans, Monaco said that the U.S. "strongly supports the Global Polio Eradication Initiative and efforts to end the spread of the polio virus forever." She added that CIA Director John Brennan committed in August 2013 that the agency would "make no operational use of vaccination programs, which includes vaccination workers." Also saying no DNA or genetic material would be used from such programs, Monaco said

the CIA policy "applied worldwide and to U.S. and non-U.S. persons alike."

CIA spokesman Dean Boyd said Brennan "took seriously the concerns raised by the public health community, examined them closely, and took decisive action." Monaco's letter was first disclosed in a report by Yahoo News. Monaco's letter came days after Pakistan acted to quell a growing polio crisis within its borders. The public health deans had warned last year that the CIA's use of a vaccination program had played a role in the shootings of several health workers in Pakistan and could hamper anti-polio efforts. □

Obama promotes influx of foreign investment in US

JIM KUHNHENN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama held a little-noticed meeting in March with executives of a Belgian aerospace company while in Brussels to meet European leaders. It was barely a footnote in a trip dominated by tensions with Russia over Ukraine. But the meeting was the result of a lengthy courtship by the Obama administration and the state of Oklahoma to attract ASCO Industries to build a new \$125 million production facility in the U.S. The effort was part of an initiative called SelectUSA that Obama started in 2011 and expanded last year. Obama this week is drawing new attention to the effort, convening busi-

ness leaders Tuesday at the White House to advertise success stories in the face of public anxieties over jobs and the economy. Among the recent deals is a decision by a subsidiary of Germany-based Lufthansa to build an aviation maintenance and repair center in Puerto Rico. White House officials say it was sealed through direct phone calls with Lufthansa executives from Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker and Vice President Joe Biden. Yet as Obama promotes the influx of foreign investment to the U.S., his administration and key members of Congress are also worrying over dozens of U.S. companies heading in the other direction. These businesses are merging with or



This photo shows President Barack Obama speaking during a press availability with Uruguay's President Jose Mujica in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington. President Obama is drawing attention to foreign investments in the United States, convening business leaders at the White House this week to advertise success stories in the face of continuing public anxieties over the economy.

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acquiring overseas firms to change their address and gain tax advantages that can cost the federal government billions in tax revenues. The most prominent example is Pfizer Inc.'s recent takeover bid of British drugmaker AstraZeneca, a deal that if consummated would be the largest-ever foreign takeover of a British company. The potential acquisition would allow Pfizer to incorporate in Britain and thus limit its exposure to higher U.S. corporate tax rates. On Monday, AstraZeneca turned down Pfizer's latest offer of \$119 billion, making the likelihood of a deal increasingly unlikely. Pfizer's approach — called a corporate inversion — is the latest in a growing trend that could accelerate as corporate lawyers advise clients to get ahead of efforts in Washington to overhaul the tax system and close corporate loopholes. Companies that have created foreign shell corporations in recent years include familiar names like Tyco International and Ingersoll-Rand. Though there is little chance of action this year, Republicans and Democrats generally agree that federal corporate tax rates, now at 35 percent, should be

lowered while eliminating credits, exemptions and other tax advantages. Still, the Obama administration's 2015 budget contained a specific proposal aimed at curtailing inversions and White House officials say such a fix would not necessarily have to be part of a broader overhaul. Under current law, a U.S. company that merges with a foreign entity can't benefit from a lower foreign tax rate unless the shareholders of the foreign company own at least 20 percent of the new merged business. Obama has proposed raising that threshold to 50 percent, with the goal of making them less attractive. But Republicans and some corporate advisers say inversion transactions will continue as long as U.S. corporate tax rates remain the highest among industrialized countries and as long as the United States requires U.S. companies to pay taxes on any foreign cash that is brought back to the United States. "That creates a very strong incentive for major U.S. companies to keep their cash earned overseas overseas" said Gordon Caplan, a partner in the New York law firm of Willkie Farr & Gallagher who specializes in mergers and acquisitions. □



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US judge strikes down Oregon gay marriage ban



Portland city commissioner Nick Fish applauds, Monday, May 19, 2014, in Portland, Ore. People gathered at the offices of Oregon United for Marriage Monday for the announcement by U.S. District Judge Michael McShane calling Oregon's ban on gay marriage unconstitutional.

(AP Photo/The Oregonian, Stephanie Yao Long)

JONATHAN J. COOPER
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Oregon (AP) —

A federal judge on Monday struck down a voter-approved ban on gay marriage in the northwestern state of Oregon, saying it is unconstitutional, marking the 13th consecutive legal victory for gay marriage

advocates since last year's U.S. Supreme Court ruling that overturned part of a federal ban.

U.S. District Judge Michael McShane joined judges in seven other states who have struck down gay marriage bans this year, though appeals are underway and the issue is expected to

settled by the U.S. Supreme Court. He said the ban unconstitutionally discriminates against same-sex couples and ordered Oregon not to enforce it. State officials earlier refused to defend the constitutional ban in court.

Jubilant couples rushed to tie the knot following

Monday's ruling, including some who stood in line at the Portland county building for hours to get a marriage license.

The U.S. Supreme Court last year struck down the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act, which barred the federal government from recognizing same-sex marriage. The court determined the law improperly deprived gay couples of due process. Many observers predicted the ruling would create a pathway for states to act, as polls showed a majority of Americans now support gay marriage. Indeed, lower-court judges have repeatedly cited that decision when striking down bans. In addition to Oregon, federal or state judges in Idaho, Oklahoma, Virginia, Michigan, Texas, Utah and Arkansas recently have found state same-sex marriage bans to be unconstitutional. Judges also have ordered Kentucky,

Ohio and Tennessee to recognize same-sex marriages from other states. At least 17 other states have filed lawsuits asking judges to throw out state bans.

The two most recent states to make the unions legal were New Mexico and Hawaii, both of which did so in late 2013. Oregon's ruling is not expected to be challenged, which would make it the 18th state where gay marriage is legal.

Opposition remains stiff in many places. Critics note most states still do not allow gay marriage and that in most of those that do, it was the work of courts or legislatures, not the will of the people.

In Oregon, state officials have said they'd be prepared to carry out same-sex marriages almost immediately, and couples lined up outside the county clerk's office in Portland in anticipation of the McShane's decision. □

New York City: London cleric convicted in terrorism trial

LARRY NEUMEISTER
TOM HAYS

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — An Egyptian Islamic preacher whose fiery sermons before and after 9/11 attracted extremists to his London mosque was convicted Monday in a trial that a prosecutor said should provide justice for the victims of a kidnapping in Yemen more than a decade ago. The 56-year-old cleric, Mustafa Kamel Mustafa, was found guilty just weeks af-

ter an al-Qaida spokesman was convicted.

Mustafa was accused of providing material support to terrorist organizations by enabling hostage takers in the Yemen kidnapping to speak on a satellite phone, by sending men to establish an al-Qaida training camp in Oregon, and by sending at least one man to training camps in Afghanistan. He was extradited in 2012 from England, where he led London's Finsbury Park Mosque in the 1990s, re-

portedly attended by both Sept. 11 conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui and shoe bomber Richard Reid. Mustafa denied that he ever met them.

Mustafa looked straight ahead as the verdict was read. Sentencing was set for Sept. 8, when he faces a maximum of life in prison. Defense attorney Joshua Dratel said the verdict was "not about the evidence but about a visceral reaction to the defendant." □

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After firing from Times, Abramson talks about resilience

RAVI SOMAIYA

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WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. - Jill Abramson, the former executive editor of The New York Times, made her first public appearance since her abrupt dismissal last week, speaking about resilience in a long-scheduled commencement address Monday at Wake Forest University.

In an 11-minute speech marked with applause and laughter, Abramson said her father had always emphasized that it was as important to handle setbacks as to embrace success.

"I'm talking to anyone who has been dumped," she said. "Not gotten the job you really wanted or received those horrible rejection letters from grad school. You know the sting of losing, or not getting something you badly want. When that happens, show what you are made of."

She said she was asked by a student whether she might remove a tattoo on her back of The Times' gothic T. "Not a chance," she said.

"It was the honor of my life to lead the newsroom," she said.

At least for the morning, a buzzing Manhattan news media story was transported from Midtown offices and boardrooms to a sunlit quad, surrounded by trees and stately buildings, alive with the excitement of graduating students in black gowns and mortarboard hats with black and gold tassels. Alongside the parents, students and others taking their seats were reporters from news organizations including Politico, The Wall Street Journal and

several television stations. "I'm impressed that your achievements here have attracted so much media attention," she joked at the beginning of her address. She said her biggest concern about speaking at the commencement was that "the small media circus following me would detract from you, the class of 2014."



Jill Abramson, former executive editor of The New York Times, during a graduation ceremony at Wake Forest University in Winston Salem, N.C., May 19, 2014. Abramson made her first public appearance since her abrupt dismissal last week, speaking about resilience in a long-scheduled commencement address on Monday. (Jeremy M. Lange/The New York Times)

Abramson entered the ceremony in a procession with faculty and administrators, wearing a black gown with three black and gold stripes on the arms. She was introduced by Albert R. Hunt Jr., a Bloomberg News columnist, who called her appointment by The Times three years ago, as the first female executive editor, a "seminal step." Hunt praised her for leaving The Times "better, stronger and more vibrant than ever."

Abramson stood behind

a lectern and addressed thousands of students seated in the university's bucolic quad. Under a yellow and white striped marquee, in front of the spire of the university's Wait Chapel, she spoke slowly and clearly, despite Hunt's lighthearted warning to the graduates that her strong New York accent might require a translator.

Approached by reporters when the ceremony ended, Abramson said she understood that the news media had a job to do but that she had nothing more to say. "There were definitely different expectations," said Wade Collins, 22, graduating with a bachelor's degree in mathematical economics. "Some people expected her to go hard at what happened. But she walked the line really well. And this was interesting. These speeches can

be really dull." Since the publisher of The Times, Arthur Sulzberger Jr., announced Wednesday that she would be replaced by her No. 2, Dean Baquet, Abramson had not publicly discussed her ouster. Sulzberger had tried to bring a smooth transition, but Abramson declined to participate in a more peaceful handover,

according to people with direct knowledge of the situation. In his initial announcement, Sulzberger said only that he had fired her because of "an issue with management in the newsroom." Last week, a report on The New Yorker's website suggested that she had been fired for seeking equal pay with her predecessor, Bill Keller, setting off a debate on gender equality. Those reports were strenuously denied in statements from The Times, which in-

cluded the assertion that Abramson earned 10 percent more than Keller by the time her tenure ended. In response to those reports, and a growing debate over whether gender played a role in her dismissal, Sulzberger has issued two more statements about Abramson in an attempt to quell the furor over her departure. In one statement, issued Saturday, Sulzberger wrote, "I concluded that she had lost the support of her masthead colleagues and could not win it back."

A precipitating factor in Abramson's departure was a controversy surrounding the paper's attempts to hire Janine Gibson, a senior editor at The Guardian newspaper, according to people with direct knowledge of the discussions. Baquet was not aware that Abramson had made an offer to Gibson and only learned about it during a lunch with Gibson. This angered both Baquet and Sulzberger, who had been led to believe that the rest of the masthead was kept up-to-date about the offer to Gibson, these people said.

Abramson, 60, had been confirmed as the speaker at Wake Forest for some weeks, said Nathan O. Hatch, the university's president, in an interview before the commencement. She was recruited to speak by Hunt, a Wake Forest alumnus and member of the college's board of trustees.

After the news of Abramson's dismissal, Hatch said, "We called her on Thursday, and she still wanted to do it." □

US Financial Front:

Temporary jobs on rise in shifting American economy

TOM RAUM

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP)—While the U.S. economy has improved since the Great Recession ended five years ago, part-time and “contract” workers are filling many of the new jobs.

cent. Economists predict contract workers will play a larger role in the years ahead.

They are a diverse army of laborers, ranging from janitors, security officers, home-care and food service-workers to computer

working under contracts that lay out specific responsibilities and deadlines.

Labor leaders and many economists worry. Contract workers have less job security and don't contribute to the economy

contingent-worker nation. But it's something to keep an eye on,” said Heidi Shierholz, an economist with the labor-oriented Economic Policy Institute. “There's definitely been an increase in the share of those working part time.”

Part-time and contract jobs in the past tended to rise during recessions and recede during recoveries. But maybe no longer: Part-time workers have accounted for more than 10 percent of U.S. job growth in the years since the recession officially ended in June 2009. Meanwhile, union membership has been sliding steadily since the mid-1980s.

Businesses often hire contract workers or freelancers because it is less expensive than hiring full-time workers.

“Workers increasingly serve businesses that do not officially ‘employ’ the worker — a distinction that hampers organizing, erodes labor standards and dilutes accountability,” said Catherine Ruckelshaus, general counsel for the National Employment Law Project, which advocates on behalf of low-wage workers. Many business leaders have a different take.

“Some people don't want to be a full-time employee. They want contract work,” said Bruce Josten, executive vice president of the

U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Still, Josten recognizes some of them “are hoping the contract work will ultimately lead them into a full-time position.”

A recent Federal Reserve study showed that nearly 7.5 million people who are working part time — contract workers included — would rather have full-time jobs.

Jerry Jasinowski, who served as president of the National Association of Manufacturers for 14 years and later as president of the Manufacturing Institute, said despite criticism leveled against contract workers from some quarters, “I think on balance, they are a positive reflection of the extent to which production has become much more flexible, a reflection of hybrid operations. Some people don't like it. But that's neither here nor there. That's where everybody's moving.”

Analysts suggest the increase in contract and “temp” jobs will likely accelerate as more baby boomers retire from their full-time jobs.

Pressure from a company's shareholders — often focused on short-term returns — can also lead businesses to lower labor costs by reclassifying a portion of their payroll as part-timers or spinning them off to a contracting agency. □



Bruce Josten listens during a news conference at the Chamber of Commerce in Washington. While the U.S. economy has been slowly improving since the end of the Great Recession five years ago, a substantial number of the new jobs are being filled by part-time and “contract” workers. “Some people don't want to be a full-time employee. They want contract work,” said Josten, executive vice president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Still, Josten recognizes some of them “are hoping the contract work will ultimately lead them into a fulltime position.”

(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

Contract workers made up less than half of one percent of all U.S. employment in the 1980s but now account for 2.3 per-

cent. Economists predict contract workers will play a larger role in the years ahead. They are a diverse army of laborers, ranging from janitors, security officers, home-care and food service-workers to computer

programmers, freelance photographers and illustrators. Many are involved in manufacturing. Many others are self-employed, through spending as much as permanent, full-time workers. Nor do they have the same job protections. Few are union members. “It is not hugely clear that we're coming into a temp-worker, contract-worker,

Rates unchanged at weekly US Treasury bill auction

WASHINGTON (AP) — Interest rates on short-term Treasury bills were unchanged in Monday's auction with rates on six-month bills remaining at their highest level since late March.

The Treasury Department auctioned \$25 billion in three-month bills at a discount rate of 0.025 percent, the same as the last two weeks. Another \$23 billion in six-month bills was auctioned at a discount rate of 0.050 percent, unchanged from last week. The six-month rate is the highest since those bills averaged 0.065 percent on March 31.

The discount rates reflect that the bills sell for less than face value.

For a \$10,000 bill, the three-month price was \$9,999.37 while a six-month bill sold for \$9,997.47. That would equal an annualized rate of 0.025 percent for the three-month bills and 0.051 percent for the six-month bills.

Separately, the Federal Reserve said Monday that the average yield for one-year Treasury bills, a popular index for making changes in adjustable-rate mortgages, declined to 0.09 percent last week from 0.10 the previous week. □

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Good track record for Long Island Rail Road crew

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NEW YORK - In the corner sits a safe filled with jewelry. Along the walls, shelves are stacked with duffel bags and backpacks. Elsewhere there are piles of lost or abandoned smartphones. And then there is the carbon-fiber leg.

Henry Felton has come across stranger things than the prosthetic limb during his five years as supervisor of the Long Island Rail Road's Lost and Found: the set of nunchucks and Chinese throwing stars, the antique pistol, a set of false teeth.

But on a recent spring afternoon, the leg was the odddest thing in his cramped office below Penn Station, in New York, amid myriad misplaced items that pass through the unit each day.

The way the leg had been packed, it looked as though it was being transported, not worn. "You just don't forget your leg," Felton said.

Barbara Sevigny, a clerk at

the lost and found who, like Felton, takes the train to work every day, said there was never really a seasonal lull. In the winter, there is the predictable deluge of mittens, hats and scarfs. In the summer, it will be the beach gear that gets left behind as travelers make their way to (or from) the shore.

Whatever they have lost, people are ecstatic when they get it back, Sevigny said. Sometimes, an item truly is priceless.

For one passenger, a wool cap that was returned was the last remaining possession of a grandmother who had died.

"Some people get discouraged and don't come back," Sevigny said.

Little do they know that there is a system dedicated to reuniting passengers with their wayward mittens and sun hats and, of course, their smartphones, which go astray no matter the season.

Indeed, nothing taxes the office (or its power supply)



Henry Felton, supervisor of the Long Island Rail Road's lost and found unit, tries to track down the owner of a prosthetic leg, in his cramped office below Penn Station, in New York, May 15, 2014. For the LIRR, long maligned for its crowded trains and unpredictable service, the success of its lost-and-found is a bright spot, with 9,252 out of 15,544 items logged in last year returned to owners.

(Michael Kirby Smith/The New York Times)

like the stockpile of lost mobile communication devices. Underneath the main desk is a tangle of wires charging the multitude of phones that are found every week. Sonar-like pings

fill the space each time a user somewhere activates the Find My iPhone app. The sound is almost like a desperate plea. "We hear that all day long," Felton said.

Beyond the desk, the enclave is stacked wall-to-wall with the lost possessions of daily commuters or seasonal riders. Felton's office boasts an impressive record. □

University Study:

Student debt grows with high-paid leaders

TAMAR LEWIN

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At the 25 public universities with the highest-paid presidents, both student debt and the use of part-time adjunct faculty grew far faster than at the average state university from 2005 to 2012, according to a new study by the Institute for Policy Studies, a left-leaning Washington research group.

The study, "The One Percent at State U: How University Presidents Profit from Rising Student Debt and Low-Wage Faculty Labor," examined the relationship between executive pay, student debt and low-wage faculty labor at the 25 top-paying public universities.

The co-authors, Andrew Erwin and Marjorie Wood, found that administrative expenditures at the highest-paying universities out-

paced spending on scholarships by more than 2 to 1. And while adjunct faculty members became more numerous at the 25 universities, the share of permanent faculty declined drastically.

"The high executive pay obviously isn't the direct cause of higher student debt, or cuts in labor spending," Wood said.

"But if you think about it in terms of the allocation of resources, it does seem to be the tip of a very large iceberg, with universities that have top-heavy executive spending also having more adjuncts, more tuition increases and more administrative spending."

Since the 2008 financial crisis, the report found, the leaders of the highest-paying universities fared well, largely at the expense of students and faculty.

"Like executives in the corporate and banking sectors, public university presidents weathered the immediate aftermath of the fall 2008 financial crisis with

minimal or no reductions in total compensation," the report said.

While the average executive compensation at public research universities in-

creased 14 percent from 2009 to 2012, to an average of \$544,554, compensation for the presidents of the highest-paying universities increased by a third, to \$974,006, during that period.

The Chronicle of Higher Education's annual survey of public university presidents' compensation, also released Sunday,

found that nine chief executives earned more than \$1 million in total compensation in 2012-2013, up from four the previous year, and three in 2010-11. The median total compensation of the 256 presidents included in the survey was \$478,896, a 5 percent increase over the previous year.

But, The Chronicle found, chief executives were hardly alone among the highest-paid public university officials. □



Gordon Gee, who was the highest-paid public university president in 2013 while at Ohio State University, in his office on the school's campus in Columbus, Ohio. At the 25 public universities with the highest-paid presidents, student debt and the use of part-time adjunct faculty grew far faster than at the average state university from 2005 to 2012, according to a new study by the Institute for Policy Studies, a left-leaning Washington research group.

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Floods threaten power plant, land mines in Balkans

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Associated Press
OBRENOVAC, Serbia (AP)**

— Serbia ordered the evacuation Monday of this town and 11 others along the raging Sava River, but Bratislava Pavlovic won't budge, even as water rising six feet in an hour lapped outside her third-floor apartment.

"I grew up in this town," the 58-year-old postal worker said. "I was born and raised here."

The worst rainfall in more than a century has flooded large swathes of Bosnia and Serbia, threatening Serbia's main power plant and unleashing landslides that have swept away homes and unearthed land mines left over from the region's war, along with warning signs pinpointing their locations.

At least 35 people have died and tens of thousands have been forced to flee their homes.

In Obrenovac, shop windows were shattered and children's bicycles, bedding, chairs and car tires were scattered in the streets. Dogs abandoned by their owners roamed about in packs as security forces distributed drinking water and food to the few remaining residents.

"It came like a big wave," Pavlovic said of the churning floodwaters that inundated the town of 15,000 some 20 miles south of the capital, Belgrade, when the Sava overflowed its banks.

"It happened in one hour, two meters of water. Nobody saw it coming," said Pavlovic, whose two sons and their families were among those who fled. □

Thailand's army declares martial law amid crisis

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BANGKOK (AP) — Thailand's army declared martial law in a surprise announcement in Bangkok before dawn on Tuesday, intensifying the turbulent nation's deepening political crisis. The military, how-

An army official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the situation, told The Associated Press "this is definitely not a coup. This is only to provide safety to the people and the people can still carry on their lives as normal."

A ticker on Chanel 5, an

"could impact the country's security and safety of the lives and properties of the public."

On Monday, Thailand's acting prime minister insisted his government will not resign, resisting pressure from a group of senators who are seeking ways to settle the country's political

ti-government protesters, proposed a framework on Friday that calls for a government with full power to conduct political reforms. Acting Prime Minister Niwattumrong Boonsongpaisan and Justice Minister Chaikasem Nitisiri met with two representatives of the Senate in an undisclosed location Monday to avoid disruption from the protesters. In a statement following the meeting, Niwattumrong said the Cabinet cannot resign because "it will be negligence of duty and against the constitution," and insisted he "can carry out duties and has full authority" as prime minister. The Cabinet has operated in a caretaker capacity with limited power since Yingluck dissolved the lower house in December in a failed bid to ease the political crisis. A new government cannot normally be named until there are elections, which anti-government demonstrators have vowed to block unless political reforms occur first.

The Senate, the only functioning legislative body in the country, was seen as the last resort of the anti-government protesters, who are calling for an interim, unelected prime minister to be chosen.

Earlier this month, the Constitutional Court removed Yingluck for nepotism along with nine Cabinet members in a case that many viewed as politically motivated. Protesters said her removal is not enough because she was replaced by an acting prime minister from the ruling party, Niwattumrong.

Anti-government protesters say they are making their final push to oust the government and install an unelected prime minister and government. □



Leader of anti-government protesters Suthep Thaugsuban reacts as he is hugged by a supporter during a march in Bangkok, Thailand, Monday, May 19, 2014. Thailand's political crisis deepened last week when the Constitutional Court removed Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra for nepotism along with nine Cabinet members in a case that many viewed as politically motivated. Protesters say Yingluck's removal is not enough, though. She was simply replaced by Niwattumrong, who was a deputy premier from the ruling party.

(AP Photo/Sakchai Lalit)

ever, denied a coup d'etat was underway.

The move came after six months of anti-government demonstrations aimed at ousting the government and one day after the Southeast Asian country's caretaker prime minister refused to step down.

The army said in a statement that the military had taken the action to "keep peace and order" and soldiers entered several private television stations in the capital.

army station, also denied the military was taking over and asked the public not to panic.

Thailand's army has staged at 11 successful coups since the end of absolute monarchy in 1932.

The military statement was signed by army chief Gen. Prayuth Chan-Ocha. It cited a 1914 law that gives it authority to intervene during times of crisis, and said it had taken the action because on-going mass rallies between political rivals

crisis, and from anti-government protesters who are demanding an appointed prime minister.

The deadlock in Southeast Asia's second-largest economy has been worsening since former Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra dissolved the lower house in December and a court ousted her and nine Cabinet ministers earlier this month for abuse of power. A group of about 70 senators, most of whom are seen as siding with the an-

General's revolt threatens to ignite new fight in Libya

**ESAM MOHAMED
MAGGIE MICHAEL**

Associated Press

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — A revolt by a renegade general against Islamists who dominate Libya's politics threatened to spiral into an outright battle for power that could fragment the North African nation as the country's numerous armed militias on Monday started to line up behind the rival camps.

Gen. Khalifa Hifter, who lived for years in exile in the United States during the rule of autocrat Moammar Gadhafi, touts himself as a nationalist who is waging a war against terrorism to save Libya from Islamic extremists. His loyalists and allies in the past days attacked Islamist militias in the eastern city of Benghazi and on Sunday stormed the Islamist-led parliament in Tripoli.

Hifter's opponents accuse him of seeking to grab power, acting on behalf of former regime figures in exile by orchestrating an Egyptian-style military overthrow of Islamists that would wreck already struggling attempts at democracy.

Since Gadhafi's ouster and death in a 2011 civil war, Libya has been in chaos. The central government has almost no authority. The military and police, shattered during the civil war, have never recovered and remain in disarray. Filling the void are hundreds of militias around the country. Many of them are locally based, rooted in specific cities or neighborhoods. Others are based on ethnic allegiances. Others have embraced al-Qaida-inspired extremism.

The country has held several elections, including ones that created a new parliament. But administrations have been paralyzed by the competition between Islamist parties and their rivals, each of which are backed by militias. Islamist lawmakers who dominate parliament removed the Western-backed prime minister earlier this year and named an Islamist-leaning figure Ahmed Maiteg to replace him in a vote their opponents say was illegal.

In response to the parliament attack, the Islamist-leaning head of the legislature, Nouri Abu Sahmein, ordered militias backing his camp to deploy in Tripoli on Monday to resist what he called "the attempt to wreck the path of democracy and take power."

The pro-parliament militias are largely from Libya's third largest city of Misrata, one of Islamists' biggest constituencies. Footage posted online by Misrata forces showed hundreds of pickup trucks mounted with anti-aircraft guns, tanks and armored vehicles it said were ready to move into the capital.

But backing for parliament appeared to be eroding, including within the interim government installed by lawmakers after the prime minister's removal.

The interim government, led by the defense minister, put forward a proposal for resolving the conflict. It said parliament should hold a new vote on a prime minister, pass a budget and then halt work to allow new parliament elections. Parliament's mandate expired earlier this year, and Islamists' opponents have held protests demanding it be dissolved.

Units of the weak military on Monday began splitting from their top generals to support Hifter.

The commander of an elite army unit in Benghazi, the Special Forces, announced his support for Hifter and his National Libyan Army, as he has called his loyalists. The unit is the only real state force in Benghazi, Libya's second largest city, where it has been fighting militants for months. □

Putin's visit to China set to bolster ties

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Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Amid a bitter crisis in relations with the West over Ukraine, Russia's President Vladimir Putin is moving to bolster ties with China.

Russia sees relations with China as a top priority and their ties now are the best ever, Putin said in an interview with the Chinese media released by the Kremlin Monday, a day before his trip to Shanghai.

He said that a deal on Russian natural gas exports to China is close to be signed, adding that it would allow Russia to diversify its export routes and let China meet its growing demand for energy.

Russia, which sends the bulk

of its gas exports to Europe, has sought to develop an alternative export link to China, but the two nations have been locked for years in difficult talks over price.

Moscow sped up work on the contract amid the Ukrainian crisis, as the United States and the European Union have slapped travel bans and asset freezes on members of Putin's entourage over Russia's annexation of Crimea and threatened to impose even harsher sanctions that would target entire sectors of the Russian economy.

"In the context of the turbulent global economy, the strengthening of mutually beneficial trade and economic ties, as well as the increase of investment flows

between Russia and China, are of paramount importance," Putin said.

The two countries developed what they dub a "strategic partnership" after the 1991 Soviet collapse, including close political, economic and military ties in a shared aspiration to counter U.S. domination. Russia has supplied sophisticated weapons to China, and the neighbors have conducted joint military drills. But many in Russia have felt increasingly uneasy about their powerful neighbor, fearing that Russia's population decline and a relative weakness of its conventional forces compared to China's military could one day tempt Beijing to grab land. □



People gather around a burnt bus and bags containing the remains of children who were killed when their bus caught fire in Fundacion, in northern Colombia, Sunday, May 18, 2014. Colombian authorities have detained the driver of the overcrowded bus that burned, killing 32 children, the local mayor said Monday. Luz Estella Duran, mayor of the village of Fundacion, said witness accounts suggest the driver may have left the vehicle running with the children on board when he descended from the bus to fill tank from a portable gas container.

(AP Photo/Oscar Mejia, Hoy Diario del Magdalena)

Colombia bus fire kills 33 children

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Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)

— Colombian authorities have detained a bus driver and are questioning him in the deaths of 33 children who were killed when the overcrowded vehicle bringing them home from Sunday school caught fire.

Luz Estella Duran, mayor of the village of Fundacion where Sunday's tragedy took place, said witness ac-

counts suggest the driver may have left the vehicle running with the children on board when he got out of the bus to fill its tank from a portable gas container. The death toll rose to 33 on Monday when a 7-year-old died in a hospital in the city of Barranquilla with burns on 92 percent of his body. Nineteen other victims are also hospitalized, with about half in delicate state. President Juan Manuel Santos interrupted a busy final stretch of campaign-

ing ahead of May 25 elections and traveled Sunday night to the town near the Caribbean coast to pay his respects to the mostly poor families of the victims. He called for a thorough investigation to prevent such a senseless tragedy from ever occurring again and declared a national day of mourning.

"Yesterday I saw the pain of the mothers and fathers," Santos said in an interview Monday with Blu Radio in Bogota. □

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Anti-Europe parties at odds, despite shared cause



Flamboyant Dutch populist Geert Wilders, center waving, is surrounded by bodyguards and police after presenting a attaché case filled with fake Dutch Guilders banknotes, the currency before the Euro, at the headquarters of the Dutch National Bank, rear, as he kicks off his European election in Amsterdam, Netherlands. Wilders is campaigning on a platform forbidding any further transfer of power to Europe, scrapping the Euro and control of immigration policy.

(AP Photo/Peter Dejong)

STEPHEN CASTLE

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LONDON - Geert Wilders, the leader of the populist Freedom Party in the Netherlands, told cheering supporters two months ago that he wanted fewer Moroccans in the country. One of his party's most prominent and charismatic figures, Laurence Stassen, a former television reporter and a member of the European Parliament, promptly quit in protest.

But rather than give up her re-election bid, Stassen simply moved her campaign across the North Sea to Britain. Under the European Union's rules, European citizens can generally run for the European Parliament from any member country, allowing her to seek a seat representing southeast England as a member of a small British party dedicated to the same cause that defined her politics at home: reining in the EU and stopping further integration.

On one level, her move is evidence of the broad,

cross-border appeal of populist, nationalistic messages after years of economic hardship across Europe and demands for budget austerity from its leaders.

But Stassen's move has also helped expose deep fissures in the anti-establishment parties of Europe as they head into the final days of campaigning before elections at the end of the week. Stassen was able to distance herself from Wilders, among the most high-profile of the far-right leaders in Europe, and also avoided associating herself with Nigel Farage, the leader of the U.K. Independence Party, known as UKIP, which has built a substantial following in Britain with an anti-integration, anti-immigration message. The infighting among the contending anti-Europe parties could dilute their collective strength if, as polls suggest, they make big gains in the European Parliament when the votes are tallied on Sunday.

Riding a tide of anti-estab-

lishment sentiment, politicians seeking to rein in Brussels could finish first in seven EU countries, according to a report by the London School of Economics and Political Science. Rightist candidates could win in Belgium, Britain, Denmark, France, Finland and the Netherlands, while a leftist populist party may do the same in Greece, the report notes.

"We are going to see euro-skeptics selected from the right, the center, the left," Farage predicted last month. "I don't know what percentage, maybe 25 percent, maybe a little more. European politics will look very different after the results."

There is little cohesion among the parties, which

range from extreme-right groups like Greece's Golden Dawn, to Germany's more academic Alternative for Deutschland, which wants to abandon the euro, the alliance's common currency.

Some nationalist parties seem to dislike each other as much as they do the European Union.

Gawain Towler, a former spokesman for UKIP and now a candidate for the party in the elections, said that "on big ticket questions of whether there will be further European integration, votes will be aligned." But he added: "Each patriotic party has their own reasons for being patriotic. A French patriot might not be madly keen on a British patriot so it is not

surprising that there are differences of opinion."

Under the rules of the European Parliament, political parties gain funding, speaking time and positions on powerful committees if they band together. To form a group, there must be at least 25 lawmakers from a minimum of seven EU countries.

Britain's UKIP is in such a group - the Europe of Freedom and Democracy - but the Dutch Freedom Party and the French National Front, led by Marine Le Pen, are not.

The last time the most far-right parties tried to form a group together in the European Parliament, in 2007, it lasted a matter of months before collapsing amid recriminations. □



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Former US officials urge easing embargo on Cuba

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Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — A group of former high-ranking U.S. officials, business executives and academics called

and speak to students at the University of Havana next week.

He will be accompanied by executives from Alticor, the parent company

while, asks the president to take a series of executive actions, including allowing legal travel to Cuba by experts who can train Cuban business people

relatives here. The George W. Bush administration had limited travel to Cuba to a trip every three years. In 2011, Obama reinstated "people-to-people" trips,



A man pushes a cart with empty soda bottles in front of a poster that reads in Spanish; "Embargo, the longest genocide of the history" in Havana, Cuba. A group of former high-ranking U.S. officials, business executives and academics called Monday for President Barack Obama to loosen the five-decade embargo on Cuba in order to stimulate the flow of capital and expertise to the island's nascent class of independent entrepreneurs.

(AP Photo/Franklin Reyes)

Monday for President Barack Obama to loosen the five-decade embargo on Cuba in order to stimulate the flow of capital and expertise to the island's nascent class of independent entrepreneurs.

The head of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, meanwhile, announced that he would make his first trip to Cuba in 15 years to gauge how the growth of the private business sector could create opportunities for American corporations. Chamber head Thomas J. Donohue said he would meet with entrepreneurs and government officials

of the Amway direct-sales business, and Cargill, the Minnesota-based agribusiness giant.

"This trip will provide us with a first-hand look at changes in Cuba's economic policies and whether or not they are affecting the ability to do business there," Donohue said.

Advocates of greater engagement with Cuba say that U.S. public opinion increasingly supports weakening the embargo and have been pushing for Obama to open more channels to Cuba before he leaves office.

The open letter, mean-

in law, real estate and financial services. It also requests Obama to allow U.S. travelers easier access to money in Cuba, along with increasing Americans' ability to send money from the U.S. to support private businesses.

It also asks Obama to authorize the sale of telecommunications equipment to Cuba, including cell towers and satellite dishes, and allow telecommunications company officials to conduct business travel to Cuba to sell their products. In 2009, Obama allowed Cuban-Americans to make unlimited trips to visit

allowing U.S. citizens to travel legally to Cuba for educational tourism focused on contact with ordinary Cubans.

President Raul Castro has legalized small-scale, private businesses in nearly 200 fields since 2010, creating a new class of roughly 400,000 independent entrepreneurs and their employees.

"Now more than ever the United States can help the Cuban people determine their own destiny by building on the U.S. policy reforms that have already been started," the letter reads. □

Chile's president sends education plan to Congress

LUIS HENAO

Associated Press

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Chile's President Michelle Bachelet announced the first stage of her promised education reforms on Monday, proposing an end to state subsidies of for-profit schools — a step toward eventual free university education. Bachelet said she is answering the call of millions of students who have staged protests since 2011 demanding deep changes in an educational system that fails them with poor-quality public schools and expensive private universities.

"We're taking the first step toward Chile's most significant education reform in 50 years," Bachelet said in announcing the reform package.

"We're following through with what our students repeatedly said: education is a right, not a privilege."

The bill heading to Congress on Tuesday would cut subsidies to for-profit schools and forbid government-backed primary schools and kindergartens from rejecting students on the basis of tests or interviews.

Funds instead would go to lower or eliminate the fees parents pay at other institutions. Still to come is a proposal that would make university education free, a measure that will be sent to Congress later this year. Critics say policies launched under the 1973-1990 dictatorship of Augusto Pinochet foster social exclusion and inequality.

Schools in Chile were free before Pinochet pushed privatization and ended central control and funding of primary and secondary schools. Public education in poorer districts suffered even as a voucher system directed billions of dollars in public funds to privately run high schools. Today, Chileans pay a greater share of their incomes for education than any nation surveyed by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development. □

St Maarten leader calls violent crime a concern

PHILIPSBURG, St. Maarten (AP) — St. Maarten's prime minister expressed concerns over a recent spate of violent crime that has been making headlines in the tiny Dutch Caribbean country.

Prime Minister Sarah Wescott-Williams said the worsening crime situation

has her "full attention" and her administration will do "all that is within its power" to ensure that residents are safe.

A rise in violent incidents has caused concern among people on St. Maarten, a constituent country of the Netherlands that shares a small island with the French

dependency of St. Martin. One case last week involved a 9-year-old girl who was attacked by a neighbor. He tied a rope around her neck and dragged her on the pavement while kicking her. The child was hospitalized with a serious eye injury. Police say the motive for the attack is

unclear. Wescott-Williams said issues of mental health and violent crime deserve more attention.

"The limited data available to us suggest that there is a worrisome number of persons who have to cope with effects of poor or unbalanced mental health," she said. □



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PALM BEACH - An elegant reception at Windows on Aruba, Divi Links, marked the expansion of the Priceless Aruba program. Launched just seven months ago, with the active participation of about 40 of the island's merchants, it has successfully been delivering great offers and priceless experiences, here.

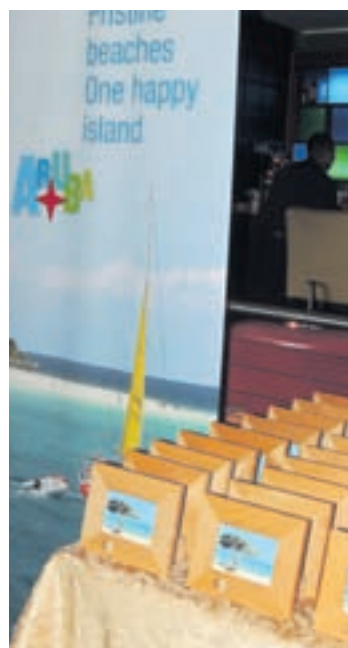
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letta, Vice President, Territory Head Eastern Caribbean and Lorena Holguin, Vice President Marketing, Caribbean Marketing, came to



Aruba to personally meet and greet participating merchants, participating bankers, partners from the Aruba Tourism Authority including CEO Ronella Tjin Asjoe Croes and members of the local media.

The reception at Windows on Aruba at Divi Links served bottomless cocktails and butler-passed

hors d'oeuvres, including lobster bisque, grilled tenderloin, freshly caught fish topped off by Window on Aruba's sensational signature dessert trio. The party was entertained by violinist Angela Flores and singer Amy Sorini. Pictured here some priceless Aruba moments, at the 2014 Priceless Aruba event. □



Rachel Hickman:

Distinguished Visitor to Aruba makes history at Elms College



ORANJESTAD/CHICOPEE, Ma - College of Our Lady of the Elms, better known simply as Elms College, is a small Catholic liberal arts college in Chicopee, Mass. It exists since 1928, but last week was the first time in its

history that it graduated a class of criminal justice students. One of the history making students is Rachel Hickman, daughter of Ruth and Stephen Hickman (seen with Rachel in the photos), a resident of Lud-

low, MA who a few years ago received the Distinguished Visitor award from the Aruba Tourism Authority for visiting Aruba ten consecutive years. Rachel had previously obtained her Associate Degree from

nearby Holyoke Community College. Rachel worked part time during most of her years in college. The speaker at the Inaugural Criminal Justice Senior Celebration was the Honorable Michael A. Ponsor, Senior District Judge of the U.S. District Court of Massachusetts who has recently published his first novel titled "The Hanging Judge" while the speaker

at the Commencement exercises was Sister Helen Prejean, probably the fiercest activist against the death penalty and author of the bestseller "Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States."

Ms. Hickman does not have firm plans for the near future, but hopes to visit Aruba again soon. □

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EAGLE BEACH - Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a very nice couple as Distinguished Visitors at the Bucuti and Tara Beach Resort. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 10-to-19 consecutive years. The honorees were Mr. Charles and Mrs. Maureen Herbeck from Apollo, Pennsylvania. Charles and

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NBA charges Sterling, sets up June 3 hearing

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NEW YORK (AP) — The NBA charged Donald Sterling on Monday with damaging the league and its teams with his racist comments, setting up a hearing planned for June 3 after which owners could vote to terminate his ownership of the Los Angeles Clippers. The league also said the banned owner has engaged in other conduct that has impaired its relationship with fans and merchandising partners.

"All of these acts provide grounds for termination under several provisions of the NBA constitution and related agreements," the league said in a statement. Sterling was banned for life and fined \$2.5 million by Commissioner Adam Silver after the release of a recording in which he made racist remarks. He has until May 27 to respond to the charge, and the right to appear at the hearing and make a presentation in front of the board of governors.

Minnesota Timberwolves owner Glen Taylor, the chairman of the board, will preside over the hearing, which is planned for two days before the start of the NBA Finals. If three-fourths of the owners vote to sustain the charge, Sterling will be forced to sell the team he has owned since 1981. Silver has said he is confident he has the votes.

Sterling told a female friend, V. Stiviano, not to bring blacks to Clipper games during their conversation that was recorded.

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BREATHE EASY

Chrome cleared to wear nasal strip

Jockey Victor Espinoza celebrates aboard California Chrome after winning the 139th Preakness Stakes horse race at Pimlico Race Course, Saturday, May 17, 2014, in Baltimore.

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Woods: Surgery erased doubts, no date for return

JOSEPH WHITE

AP Sports Writer

BETHESDA, Maryland (AP)

— Tiger Woods still doesn't know when he'll return. For a while, he didn't know whether he would return at all.

Woods said Monday his back injury became so debilitating this year it caused him to doubt his ability to play golf again.

"Forget about playing golf at the highest level. I couldn't get out of bed," Woods said. "I was certainly doubtful at that point. What's it going to feel like? Am I going to be pain free? Am I going to be able to actually do this again, where I can get out of bed, and go out there and play with my kids and play golf? All those things were up in the air."

Woods said the doubt was erased after microdiscectomy surgery March 31. He said the procedure, which relieved pain from a pinched nerve, provided immediate relief, although he said there's still "no timetable" for his return to golf — or even for taking



Golfer Tiger Woods speaks at a Quicken Loans National PGA tournament media day news conference at Congressional Country Club, Monday, May 19, 2014, in Bethesda, Md

Associated Press

a full swing. As of now, he remains limited to chipping and putting.

"It's not going to be up to me whether I play or not, it's going to be up to my docs," Woods said. "Obviously, I want to play now." Speaking at Congressional Country Club in his role as host of next month's Quick-

en Loans National, Woods even joked that he wished he could join reporters on the course for their media day rounds — "even though I don't like to play with you guys."

But he offered no hint that he might be anything more than an onlooker for the Quicken Loans tournament

on June 26-29 — or at the U.S. Open at Pinehurst two weeks earlier. He's already missed the Masters for the first time.

To hear Woods, known for unyielding resolve, give voice to doubts is certainly unusual. But this injury is different from those he has endured before. He said re-

hab has been tedious and it's a challenge simply not to join in when his children want to play sports.

"I'll tell you what," he said, "I am damn good at video games."

When Woods does return, he'll resume his pursuit of Jack Nicklaus' record of 18 major victories. Woods, 38, sounded as if the surgery has given him a new lease to keep playing for a good while.

"I would like to, as all athletes, go out on my own terms," Woods said.

"And ultimately I want to continue playing at an elite level as long as I deem I want to do it. For some guys it's in their 60s and 70s, and other guys it's in their 40s and 50s.

"But prior to the surgery, I didn't think I would have much of a playing career if I felt like this. ... Now that I've had the procedure, I'm excited about what the prospects hold, and if I'm able to feel this way, I'm excited about my career. I'm able to do what I want to do for as long as I want to." □



Alan Sherman, assistant trainer for Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner California Chrome, displays a nasal strip at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore, Monday, May 19, 2014.

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By RICK FREEMAN

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - California Chrome can breathe easy - he's allowed to wear a nasal strip when he goes for the Triple Crown in the Belmont Stakes.

Belmont Park stewards cleared the horse Monday to use the strip that opens his nasal passages, just as

he did in winning the Kentucky Derby and Preakness.

New York tracks have a rule prohibiting any equipment not specifically approved by stewards, and nasal strips were not on the list. A statement from the New York Racing Association and the state's Gaming Commission said

California Chrome cleared to wear nasal strip

the track's three stewards unanimously agreed to lift the ban.

The strip worn by California Chrome during his six-race winning streak assists airflow through the nostrils - something that should come in handy during the Belmont's grueling 1 1/2 miles on June 7. "I think it opens up his air passage and gives him that little extra oomph that he needs, especially going a mile and a half," trainer Art Sherman said. "Any time you can have a good air passage that means a lot for these thoroughbreds." Other states allow nasal strips while racing, and even some jockeys wear them, as do humans in other sports.

California Chrome is trying to become the 12th Triple Crown winner and the first

since Affirmed in 1978. On Sunday, however, Sherman raised the possibility his horse wouldn't run in the Belmont if barred from using a nasal strip.

"I'd have to leave it up to the owners," he said at the time. "I know they'll be upset." Two years ago, Doug O'Neill trained I'll Have Another to victories in the Kentucky Derby and Preakness with the colt wearing a nasal strip. New York officials told O'Neill his horse couldn't wear one in the Belmont. The issue became moot when I'll Have Another was scratched the day before the race because of a leg injury.

This Belmont Stakes is shaping up as a possible 11-horse race, including two newcomers to the Triple Crown trail: Commis-

sioner, sixth in the Arkansas Derby; and Tonalist, the Preakness winner.

Other probabilities include the second- through fifth-place finishers in the Kentucky Derby: Commanding Curve, Danza, Wicked Strong and Samraat. Intense Holiday, 12th in the Derby, is on the list.

Three Preakness runners could return: Ride On Curlin (second), Social Inclusion (third) and Kid Cruz (eighth). □



NL Capsules

Braves rally past Cardinals for 6-5 victory

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Ryan Doumit scored off a wild pitch as the Atlanta Braves got two runs in the ninth inning to rally past the St. Louis Cardinals on Sunday.

Freddie Freeman started a ninth-inning rally with a leadoff single off St. Louis closer Trevor Rosenthal (0-2).

With two outs, Freeman went to third on pinch-hitter Ryan Doumit's double to right. Rosenthal intentionally walked pinch hitter Evan Gattis to load the bases and then walked Jordan Schafer to force in the tying run.

Carlos Martinez relieved Rosenthal and had a wild pitch while facing Ramiro Pena that scored Doumit to make it 6-5.

Dan Carpenter (3-0) pitched 1 1-3 innings of scoreless relief for the win. Craig Kimbrel pitched a scoreless bottom of the ninth for his 11th save in 13 chances. The save was the 150th of Kimbrel's career. Cardinals starter Jaime Garcia pitched seven innings, allowing four runs on five hits with five strikeouts in his first start since 2013 shoulder surgery.

GIANTS 4, MARLINS 1

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Pablo Sandoval homered for the first time in more than a month and Ryan Vogelsong won for just the second time in nine starts as San Francisco salvaged a split of the four-game series.

Buster Posey returned from a day off to hit a sacrifice fly, while Tyler Colvin and Brandon Hicks each hit RBI singles in a stretch of four straight base hits with two outs in the first against Jacob Turner.

Staked to an early lead, Vogelsong (2-2) struck out six in seven innings as the Giants concluded a season-long stretch with 17 games in as many days. San Francisco avoided its first three-game home losing streak.

Turner (0-2) is still searching for his first road win, falling to 0-11 in 18 career road starts.

CUBS 4, BREWERS 2

CHICAGO (AP) — Travis Wood pitched two-hit ball for seven innings as Chicago got home runs from Welington Castillo and Mike Olt.

Wood (4-4) allowed two runs and struck out seven for the Cubs, who took two of three from the NL Cen-



Atlanta Braves' Ryan Doumit, left, scores on a wild pitch by St. Louis Cardinals relief pitcher Carlos Martinez, right, as Martinez covers home during the ninth inning of a baseball game Sunday, May 18, 2014, in St. Louis. Associated Press

tral leaders to win a series for the second time this season. The left-hander walked three, all in the first inning.

Hector Rondon earned his fifth save in five chances after allowing a leadoff double to Ryan Braun in the ninth for Milwaukee's third hit. The Brewers, who began the day with the NL's best record, have scored 11 runs in five games.

Marco Estrada (3-2) gave up four runs and seven hits

— five doubles and two homers — in five innings. In nine games this season, Estrada has served up 12 home runs, second-most in the majors.

ROCKIES 8, PADRES 6, 10 IN-

DENVER (AP) — Justin Morneau hit a two-run homer in the 10th inning as Colorado turned the third triple play in team history in its win over San Diego.

After Carlos Gonzalez singled earlier in the inning,

Morneau lined a 3-2 fastball from Dale Thayer (2-2) to straightaway center. He was mobbed at home by his teammates.

It was the second walkoff homer for Colorado this season.

Nick Masset (1-0) pitched a perfect 10th for his first win with Colorado. LaTroy Hawkins blew his first save of the season in the ninth as he surrendered a tying two-run homer to Everth Cabrera. □

Salas wins at Kingsmill; first LPGA victory

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AP Sports Writer

WILLIAMSBURG, Virginia

(AP) — Lizette Salas won the Kingsmill Championship on Sunday for her first LPGA Tour title, finishing with an even-par 71 for a four-stroke victory.

Salas was never really challenged in the final round on the River Course. She started the day with a three-shot lead and doubled it with birdies on the par-5 third and par-3 fifth. A bogey 5 on No. 8 was her only hiccup — and only her third bogey in four rounds — until she three-putted the par-3 17th.

She finished at 13-under

271 and earned \$195,000. Salas, who has had several near misses, cupped her head in her hands and covered her face in celebration after the final putt fell, but her winning moment was quickly interrupted by a champagne, water and wine shower from fellow competitors.

"I was patient, I was happy, and I was ready most importantly," she said on the green. "I took a different approach this week of not thinking so much and trying to be perfect."

This year, Salas tied for third in the season-opening event in the Bahamas and shared the lead after three

rounds in the Kia Classic in California, but Anna Nordqvist closed with a 5-under 67 to win by one.

Last year, playing alongside winner Inbee Park in the final group of the Kraft Nabisco, Salas shot 79 to tie for 25th. Two weeks later, Salas lost a playoff to Suzann Pettersen in the LPGA LOTTE in Hawaii. Salas chunked her approach into the water on the first extra hole after closing with a tournament-record 62. Yani Tseng, seeking her first victory since 2012, got within three with three birdies in a four-hole stretch on the back nine, but she finished with two pars and



Lizette Salas watches her tee shot on the fifth hole during the final round of the Kingsmill Championship golf tournament at the Kingsmill resort in Williamsburg, Va., Sunday, May 18, 2014. Salas birdied the par-3 hole. Associated Press

a double bogey for a 69, expanding Salas' lead to five shots. Tseng tied for

second with Kraft Nabisco winner Lexi Thompson and Sarah Jane Smith. □

AL Capsules

Pujols hits 2 homers to help Angels beat Rays 6-2

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, California (AP)

— Albert Pujols hit a pair of solo home runs against David Price, and Matt Shoemaker took a shutout into the seventh inning to lead the Los Angeles Angels over the Tampa Bay Rays 6-2 Sunday.

Pujols drove an 0-2 pitch over the center-field fence in the first inning. The three-time NL MVP increased the Angels' advantage to 6-2 in the seventh with his 12th homer this season and the 504th of his career, tying Eddie Murray for 25th place.

Price became the 319th pitcher Pujols has homered off during the regular season. Shoemaker (2-1) was charged with a run and two hits in six-plus innings. He struck out six, five days after earning his first major league win with a 4-3 victory at Philadelphia.

Price (4-4) gave up six runs — five earned — and 11 hits in 6 2-3 innings with seven strikeouts and no walks. Kevin Kiermaier hit his first big league homer for the Rays.

TIGERS 6, RED SOX 2

BOSTON (AP) — Victor Martinez hit a two-run homer and Torii Hunter added a solo shot as the Detroit Tigers won their 11th straight road game to complete a



Los Angeles Angels' Albert Pujols, back, celebrates after a one-run home run as Tampa Bay Rays catcher Jose Molina, front, looks on during the first inning of a baseball game, Sunday, May 18, 2014, in Anaheim, Calif.

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three-game sweep of Boston.

It was the sixth consecutive win and 15th in 18 games for the Tigers, who have the majors' best record at 27-

12.

Ian Kinsler got four hits, and Miguel Cabrera had three hits and two RBIs as Detroit dominated the first matchup between the teams

since losing last season's AL championship series to the eventual World Series champion Red Sox.

It was the first time the Red Sox were swept at home by the Tigers since losing four games in June 1983.

Anibal Sanchez (1-2) came off the disabled list and went five innings for the win.

Jake Peavy (1-2) gave up five runs and 11 hits in six innings.

ROYALS 8, ORIOLES 6

KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP)

— Alex Gordon went 4 for 4 with a pair of three-run homers and a career-high six RBIs as Kansas City beat Baltimore.

Gordon connected off Ubaldo Jimenez (2-5) with two outs in the fifth inning. Gordon, who led the Royals with 20 home runs last year, had gone 134 at-bats without one.

He homered again in his next at-bat, a three-run shot off left-hander Troy Patton in the seventh after Eric Hosmer walked and Billy Butler doubled for his third hit.

Adam Jones hit a three-run homer off Royals reliever Aaron Crow in the ninth. It was the first runs Crow allowed in 20 relief appearances and 17 innings.

Greg Holland got two outs

for his 12th save.

James Shields (6-3) picked up his fifth win in six starts, holding the Orioles to three runs over seven innings.

ATHLETICS 13, INDIANS 3

CLEVELAND (AP) — Yoenis Cespedes drove in a career-high five runs and Brandon Moss had three RBIs as Oakland completed a three-game sweep with a win over slumping Cleveland.

The Athletics, who have won nine of 10, outscored the Indians 30-6 in the series. Oakland saved its best for the final game, pounding out 12 hits and drawing nine walks. Cespedes' two-run double was the key hit in a four-run fifth. He also drove in two runs with another double in the eighth. Moss was 3 for 3 with two walks and scored four runs. Josh Donaldson, who drove in seven runs in the series, had an RBI single and scored four times.

Jesse Chavez (4-1) gave up solo homers to Michael Bourn and Michael Brantley, accounting for both runs the right-hander allowed in five innings.

Cleveland has dropped four straight and six of eight. Justin Masterson (2-3) allowed seven runs, seven hits and five walks in 4 1-3 innings. □



Katina Hosszu, of Hungary, right, catches her breath after beating Allison Schmitt, background, to win the 200-meter freestyle at the Grand Prix swim meet in Charlotte, N.C., Friday, May 16, 2014.

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BILL KISER

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CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (AP) — Katinka Hosszu of Hungary added to her medal count on the final

day of the Charlotte Grand Prix, winning the women's 200-meter individual medley and 200 backstroke Sunday.

Hosszu, the 2013 200 indi-

Hosszu wins again in Charlotte Grand Prix

vidual medley world champion, easily won that event in 2 minutes, 10.80 seconds, more than 2¼ seconds ahead of U.S. teenager Kathleen Baker.

The 25-year-old Hosszu had a closer win in the 200 backstroke, with her time of 2:10.12 — more than 1¼ seconds better than Megan Romano of the United States.

Hosszu finished the four-day Grand Prix with six wins in seven events. She won the women's 200 freestyle and 400 individual medley Fri-

day, and the 200 butterfly and 100 backstroke Saturday.

"I'm focusing on the 400 IM ... and these events help each other," Hosszu said. "If I can get better in the 200 freestyle or 400 freestyle, then I can finish the 400 IM better."

"Another thing is I love to race. For me, it's fun to get up there and try to do my best. Of course, I'm not going to be able to always win, but I'm going to try."

Also Sunday, Denmark's Lotte Friis took the women's

800 freestyle, Brazil's Thiago Pereirat won the men's 200 individual medley, Russia's Arkady Vyatchanin the men's 200 backstroke, Allison Schmitt of the U.S. the women's 100 freestyle, America's Anthony Ervin and France's Yannick Agnel tied in the men's 100 freestyle, and Connor Jaeger of the U.S. the men's 1,500 freestyle.

While Michael Phelps attracted most of the attention, Hosszu turned in the meet's best overall performance. □



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Carpenter wins Indy 500 pole for 2nd straight year

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INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Local driver Ed Carpenter has made himself at home on the Indianapolis 500 pole. The last of nine qualifiers to take the track, Carpenter bumped James Hinchcliffe from the top spot, posting a four-lap average of 231.067 mph to win the 500 pole for the second straight year.

"I felt that it was harder," Carpenter said. "It was just a different position because when I made my run last year, we didn't really have anything to lose. This year, being the last guy to go out, I think there was a little bit of pressure to not mess it up."

He didn't mess it up, not at all.

Carpenter's No. 20 Chevrolet was the car to beat all weekend, and the hometown favorite showed no signs of rust in his first IndyCar Series race of the season. He owns Ed Carpenter Racing and decided in November to run only on ovals, where he excels. He turned his car over to Mike Conway on road and street courses, and skipped the first four races of the season.

He knew he had the pole secured when he nailed the final two corners on the last lap.

"I could really just kind of enjoy it knowing that we were going to be on the pole for the second year," he said.

Hinchcliffe will start second after sustaining a concussion last weekend in the Grand Prix of Indianapolis. Will Power will join them on the front row.

Three-time Indy 500 champion Helio Castroneves was fourth followed by Simon Pagenaud and Marco Andretti. Carlos Munoz,



Ed Carpenter displays the P1 award flag after winning the pole during qualifications for the Indianapolis 500 IndyCar auto race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, Sunday, May 18, 2014.

Josef Newgarden and J.R. Hildebrand will be on the third row.

Carpenter, the stepson of former speedway executive Tony George, was 10th in last year's Indy 500. He is 11th driver to earn consecutive 500 poles and the first since Castroneves in 2009-10.

"It's all about the race," the 33-year-old Carpenter said. "Hopefully, we can close the deal this year."

As a single-car team last year, Carpenter was unable to get help on data and much-needed setup information. He didn't want a repeat this May, so he hired Hildebrand to drive a second car at Indy for Ed Carpenter Racing. Hildebrand nearly won the

Indy 500 as a rookie in 2011, but he crashed exiting the final turn and was passed for the win by the late Dan Wheldon.

"I wish we could have got him up on the front row with us, but the shootout's tough," Carpenter said. "The conditions were hard today, but having him go first today also helped me because we were able to make an adjustment."

Carpenter thrived in the first year of a new Indy 500 qualifying format. He posted the top qualifying speed Saturday when the fastest nine drivers advanced to Sunday's shootout for the pole.

Juan Pablo Montoya had the fastest four-lap average (231.007 mph) among

drivers ineligible to win the Indianapolis 500 pole and will start 10th.

"We have a pretty quick car," Montoya, the 2000 winner, said. "Hopefully, my guys can learn something for the Fast Nine. I think that will put us in a good spot to start the race."

Montoya was followed by reigning series champion Scott Dixon and former NASCAR champion Kurt Busch.

Busch is set to race 1,100 miles in the Indianapolis 500 and the Coca-Cola 600 on May 25. Busch raced in NASCAR's All-Star race the night before and flew back from Concord, North Carolina, on Sunday morning.

Busch was humbled when he said he'd never be able

to duplicate a weekend like this one — "except for maybe next week."

Defending 500 champion Tony Kanaan will start 16th. Hinchcliffe appeared to have no problems in the car days after he was cleared to return for his concussion. He paced as he watched Carpenter make his final run, then his chance at the pole end when Carpenter found more speed on his final lap. He was injured last weekend in Saturday's Grand Prix when debris from Justin Wilson's car flew into the cockpit, striking Hinchcliffe in the head. He was taken away from the track on a stretcher, transported to a hospital and diagnosed with a concussion.

The 27-year old Canadian was cleared to drive Thursday, and took the wheel back from pinch-driver E.J. Viso.

"I had to kind of pretend that I had been here all month and take the feedback my teammates had given me at face value," Hinchcliffe said. "I knew what to expect from the car and that was a huge part of it."

For the first time, IndyCar awarded points based on qualifying runs. The top qualifier on Saturday earned 33 points, second place got 32 and so on, all the way to one point for the 33rd-place entrant.

The pole winner earned another nine points Sunday, decreasing to one point for the ninth-place starter.

Carpenter, a Butler University alum, is an avid Indiana Pacers fan and couldn't wait to watch them play the Miami Heat in the playoffs.

"Racers and Pacers right now," he said. "So go Pacers, beat the Heat." □

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Maya Moore leads Lynx past Sun, 90-87 in OT



Minnesota Lynx forward Maya Moore (23) looks to shoot the ball against Connecticut Sun forward Alyssa Thomas (25) in the first half of an WNBA basketball game, Sunday, May 18, 2014, in Minneapolis.

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Maya Moore scored 33 points, and Seimone Augustus leveled it with 2.3 seconds left in regulation in the Minnesota Lynx's 90-87 overtime victory over the Connecticut Sun on Sunday. WNBA Capsules

Lindsay Whalen scored Minnesota's last eight points to help the defending champion Lynx improve to 2-0. They opened the season Friday night with a victory in Washington. Rookie Chiney Ogwumike

led Connecticut (0-2) with 25 points. The Sun led by 16 points in the third quarter before Moore keyed a furious rally. Katie Douglas added 13 points for Connecticut.

Augustus finished with 18 points, and Whalen had 17 after being held to seven in regulation.

The Lynx had 24 turnovers. MERCURY 74, SPARKS 69

Diana Taurasi scored 23 points, including the go-ahead runner in the final minute, as Phoenix beat

Los Angeles to spoil the Sparks' home opener.

Taurasi added six rebounds, six assists and three steals as the Mercury (2-0) outscored the Sparks (1-1) 9-2 over the final 46 seconds for the come-from-behind victory.

DeWanna Bonner had 16 points and 11 rebounds, and Brittney Griner finished with 13 points and 10 rebounds for Phoenix. Candace Parker had 23 points and 11 rebounds for Los Angeles. □

US seeking 1st WCup goal from a forward since 2002

RONALD BLUM, AP Sports Writer

STANFORD, California (AP) — It's been 12 years since a U.S. forward scored in a World Cup.

Brian McBride's goal against Mexico during a 2002 second-round match in South Korea helped the Americans advance to the quarterfinals in their best showing since 1930. The U.S. has eight goals in the two World Cups since then, seven by midfielders Landon Donovan, Clint Dempsey and Michael Bradley, plus an own-goal against Italy. "I didn't realize that," Chris Wondolowski, who is among the forwards vy-

ing for a spot in the squad, said before a training session Sunday. "If a forward scores, we'll be happy. If a defender scores a hat trick, we'll be just as happy."

As the Americans prepare for next month's tournament in Brazil, pressure for goals will be on Jozy Altidore and Dempsey.

Altidore has 21 goals for the U.S. and last summer became the first American to score in five straight international matches. But he struggled in his first season with Sunderland in the Premier League, getting just two goals in 38 games.

It mirrored his slump four years ago, when he had

only two goals in 30 matches during a one-season loan to Hull. He started all four matches for the U.S. at the 2010 World Cup, at age 20. In 2011-12, he scored 20 goals for AZ Alkmaar in the Netherlands and added 31 the following season, setting a record for an American with a European club. That earned him a big-money transfer to the Premier League. And then came another drought.

"We have guys in abundance that can get the job done," he said. "I think we'll be fine. The most important thing we have to get ready for is to be able to be a team that's hard to beat." □

WADA adds Xenon to list of banned substances

MONTREAL (AP) — The World Anti-Doping Agency has added xenon gas to its list of banned substances after claims it can be used by athletes to help boost performance.

Scientific studies suggest that the gas artificially increases the levels of erythropoietin (EPO) in the blood, which is forbidden under WADA's rules.

In a statement Sunday, WADA said its executive

committee approved the modification of its 2014 prohibited list to include xenon and the change should come into effect after a three-month notice period. The WADA board also urged Spanish authorities to conclude the case of Operation Puerto as possible, saying the "lack of progress in the case was sending the wrong message to clean athletes right across the world" □

NBA Sterling

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Sterling specifically mentioned Magic Johnson, then criticized the NBA Hall of Famer again as a poor model during a recent interview with CNN.

"Among other things, Mr. Sterling disparaged African-Americans and 'minorities'; directed a female acquaintance not to associate publicly with African-Americans or to bring African-Americans to Clippers games; and criticized African-Americans for not supporting their communities," the NBA said.

The league also charged Sterling with issuing a false and misleading press state-

ment about the matter.

Article 13 of the NBA's constitution, which deals with termination of ownership, states that one of the conditions is if an owner fails or refuses "to fulfill its contractual obligations to the Association, its members, players, or any other third party in such a way as to affect the Association or its members adversely."

A number of sponsors suspended their deals with the Clippers in the wake of Sterling's remarks, potentially hurting league revenues, and players have said they would consider a boycott next season.



"Mr. Sterling's actions and positions significantly undermine the NBA's efforts to promote diversity and inclusion; damage the NBA's relationship with its fans;

harm NBA owners, players and Clippers team personnel; and impair the NBA's relationship with marketing and merchandising partners, as well as with gov-

ernment and community leaders," the league said. If Sterling does not respond to the charge within five business days, or appear at the hearing, it would be deemed an admission of the "total validity of the charges as presented," according to the constitution. But even the players who want him out believe Sterling will fight, and his attorney sent a letter to the league last week informing it that Sterling wouldn't be paying the fine.

His estranged wife, Shelly, has said she will fight to keep her 50 percent share of the team even if Donald Sterling is forced to sell, but the league said in its statement that "all ownership interests in the Clippers will be terminated" if the charge is upheld. □

AMC network to premiere new show on Tumblr

NEW YORK (AP) — The AMC television network says it is using the social media site Tumblr to premiere its new series about the early days of personal computing.

The series, "Halt and Catch Fire," began as a sneak preview Monday on Tumblr. It will air the first time on AMC on June 1. The series is set in the early 1980s. It follows three people who

team up to try and build a computer that will change the future.

In recent weeks, AMC has been holding screenings of the new show at technology companies, including Apple, Twitter, Google, DropBox and, on Monday, Tumblr.

The series will run for 10 weeks on AMC, the network home of "The Walking Dead." □

Google buys corporate mobile-device manager

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Google has bought Divide, a startup that helps companies manage the mobile devices that employees are increasingly relying upon to get their work done. Financial terms of the acquisition announced Monday were not disclosed. The deal is part of Google's effort to widen corporate usage of smartphones and tablets running on its mobile operating system, Android.

Google is counting on Divide's technology to make companies feel more comfortable about allowing their employees to use Android devices for business email and other on-the-job tasks involving sensitive information.

More than 1 billion devices worldwide already are powered by Android, making it the world's leading mobile operating system. Divide also offers an app for Apple Inc.'s iPhones.

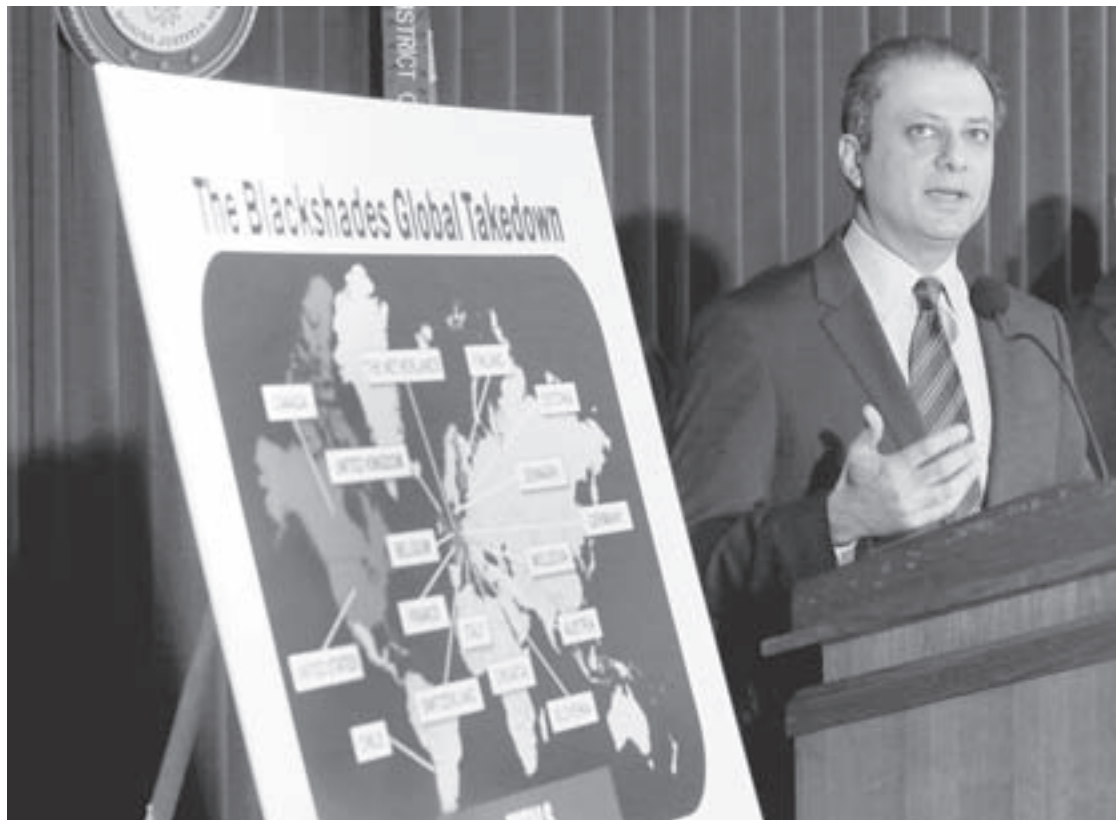
Although Divide is joining Android, the company reassured existing iPhone customers that their device-management tools will continue to work.

Divide, originally known as Enterpoid, was founded four years ago by former Morgan Stanley executives who believed that the growing popularity of smartphones and tablets would drive more corporate demand for device-management tools.

The New York company has raised more than \$25 million, including a \$12 million round led by Google's venture-capital arm. Other early investors included the venture capital divisions of smartphone chip-maker Qualcomm Inc. and Comcast Corp., the largest U.S. cable and high-speed Internet service.

Besides its New York headquarters, Divide also has offices in London and Hong Kong. □

FBI: BlackShades infected half-million computers



Preet Bharara, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, discusses arrests in the malware BlackShades Remote Access Tool, during a news conference in New York, Monday, May 19, 2014. Associated Press

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Associated Press**

NEW YORK (AP) — More than a half-million computers in over 100 countries were infected by sophisticated malware that lets cybercriminals remotely hijack a computer and its webcam, authorities said as charges were announced Monday against nearly 100 people worldwide.

Authorities said 97 people suspected of using or distributing the malicious software called BlackShades have been arrested in 16 countries, including the software's owner, a 24-year-old Swedish man. "This case is a strong reminder that no one is safe while using the Internet," said Koen Hermans, a Netherlands official in Eurojust, the European Union's criminal investigation coordination unit. "It should serve as a warning and deterrent to those involved in the manufacture and use of this software."

U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara called BlackShades a "frightening form of cybercrime," saying a cybercriminal could buy a \$40 malicious program whose

capabilities were "sophisticated and its invasiveness breathtaking." FBI Agent Leo Taddeo said people suspecting they are BlackShades victims should visit FBI.gov to learn how to check computers.

Authorities said the BlackShades Remote Access Tool or "RAT" has been sold since 2010 to several thousand users, generating sales of more than \$350,000. The agency said one of the program's co-creators is cooperating and had provided extensive information.

BlackShades owner, Alex Yucel, arrested in Moldova last November, is facing extradition to the United States. Michael Hogue, 23, of Maricopa, Arizona — the program's co-creator — had pleaded guilty in New York after his June 2012 arrest and is cooperating, Bharara said.

The malware lets hackers steal personal information, intercept keystrokes and hijack webcams to secretly record computer users. BlackShades also can be used to encrypt and lock computer data files, forcing people to pay a ransom to regain access.

The hacking tool's low cost

has boosted its popularity across the hacker underground, where variants have long circulated online. Last year, security firm Symantec said use of BlackShades was rising, with program licenses costing \$40 to \$100.

French officials said raids last week followed the FBI's arrest of two BlackShades developers and its distribution of a list of the malware's customers.

Law enforcement coordination agencies Europol and Eurojust, based in The Hague, Netherlands, said Monday that police in 13 European countries — Austria, Belgium, Britain, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Moldova, the Netherlands and Switzerland — as well as in the United States, Canada and Chile raided 359 properties and seized cash, firearms, drugs and more than 1,000 data storage devices.

In Paris, the state prosecutor's office said more than two dozen people were arrested during May 13 raids. It said those arrested were identified by the FBI as French "citizens who had acquired or used this software." □

Stocks edge higher after drifting in early trade

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Stocks finished slightly higher on Monday, adding to the small gains the market carved out at the end of last week. A dearth of fresh economic data had many investors focusing on headline-grabbing corporate deals, including a \$48.5 billion bid by AT&T to acquire satellite TV provider DirecTV and a joint venture between Johnson Controls and a Chinese company that will form the world's largest maker of automotive interiors.

The latest batch of deals is a good sign for the market and further illustrates that many companies have the financial ammunition and appetite to grow through acquisitions.

Even so, much of the market remained in drift mode Monday, but still near the latest all-time high set by the Standard & Poor's 500 index a week ago.

"We're seeing big deals — this AT&T deal is big," said Marc Doss, regional chief investment officer for Wells Fargo Private Bank. "But it's not enough to drive us dramatically higher in the short run." The three major indexes were down in pre-market trading as investors reacted to the AT&T-DirecTV deal, which was announced late Sunday. The proposed deal would create the second-largest pay TV operator behind a combined Comcast-Time Warner Cable. But such a

combination could face close scrutiny from the Federal Communications Commission and Department of Justice.

When regular trading began, the S&P 500 and Nasdaq composite drifted into positive territory, while the Dow Jones industrial average lagged.

AT&T and DirecTV opened

AstraZeneca since January. It announced Sunday that it was ready to raise its stock-and-cash offer by 15 percent to \$118.8 billion.

By midmorning, major U.S. indexes had each captured small gains that would hold the rest of the day. The S&P 500 index gained 7.22 points, or 0.4 percent, to close at

cent for the year. The Dow and Nasdaq remain down for 2014. The yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury note rose to 2.54 percent from 2.52 percent late Friday.

Investors are in a wait-and-see mode, having digested a mostly positive but unspectacular batch of first-quarter corporate earnings in recent weeks,



Traders gather at the post that handles AT&T on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Monday, May 19, 2014. Priming itself for the age of Internet-delivered video, AT&T Inc. said it would buy DirecTV for \$48.5 billion in cash and stock, or \$95 per share. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

lower and never recovered. AT&T ended down 36 cents, or 1 percent, at \$36.38. DirecTV fell \$1.53, or 1.8 percent, to \$84.65.

Word that AstraZeneca rejected rival drugmaker Pfizer's latest takeover offer helped boost Pfizer's shares 16 cents, or 0.5 percent, to \$29.28.

Pfizer has been courting

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The Dow Jones industrial average added 20.55 points, or 0.1 percent, to end at 16,511.86.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 35.23 points, or 0.9 percent, to finish at 4,125.82.

The S&P, which hit an all-time high two days in a row early last week, is up 2 per-

in addition to mixed economic news.

A light schedule of economic reports for much of this week means investors may not get much fresh insight about the economy until later this week, when they'll see new figures on sales of previously occupied homes and newly built homes. □

Deutsche Bank boosts finances with new capital

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FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)

— Deutsche Bank AG says its plan to raise 8 billion euros (\$11 billion) in new capital from investors will strengthen its finances as it faces tighter regulation and uncertain costs from litigation.

Co-CEO Anshu Jain told analysts during a conference call Monday that the fresh capital would also help it meet "unforeseen challenges" that may lie ahead. Jain said it was "impossible to quantify" the additional demands regulators may place on banks as they press ahead with efforts to make the financial system more resistant to trouble.

Chief Financial Officer Stefan Krause said on the call that the bank also faced a "challenging and unpredictable litigation environment" even after setting aside billions for fines and lawsuits, much of it relating to events that occurred years ago.

The capital increase comes as banks across Europe have been shedding risky investments and raising new financial buffers as they seek to meet new regulatory standards. The European Central Bank is conducting a detailed review of large banks' finances and holdings as it prepares to take over as the European Union's centralized banking supervisor in November.

The bank said Sunday it would raise 6.3 billion euros through a rights offering in which investors are asked to stump up more money, and that it had already secured an additional 1.75 billion euros by placing shares with Paramount Holdings Services Ltd, an investment vehicle owned by Sheik Hamad Bin Jassim Bin Jabor Al-Thani of Qatar.

The move will increase the bank's capital ratio, a key measure of financial strength, to 11.8 percent. That is well beyond the bank's 10 percent goal. □

AT&T aims for TV's future with DirecTV deal

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LOS ANGELES (AP)

— AT&T Inc. said it would buy DirecTV for \$48.5 billion in cash and stock, or \$95 per share, priming itself for the age of Internet-delivered video.

While DirecTV doesn't help the telecom company compete in the online video space immediately, cost savings from the merger and the extra cash flow will improve its ability to compete with the cable giant that would be formed by Comcast Corp.'s proposed \$45 bil-

lion takeover of Time Warner Cable.

AT&T is already the largest mobile service provider in the U.S.

"What it does is it gives us the pieces to fulfill a vision we've had for a couple of years - the ability to take premium content and deliver it across multiple points: your smartphone, tablet, television or laptop," AT&T's Chairman and CEO Randall Stephenson said on a conference call with journalists Sunday. But the deal could face unique regulatory scrutiny from the Federal Commu-

nications Commission and Department of Justice. Unlike the cable company tie-up, the AT&T-DirecTV merger would effectively cut the number of video providers from four to three for about 25 percent of U.S. households.

Cable companies operate in regions that don't overlap, but in comparison, AT&T provides TV service to 22 states, where it is a direct competitor to DirecTV, which is nationwide. Reducing choice in those markets could result in higher prices for consumers, and that usually

gives regulators cause for concern.

The deal is also subject to regulatory approval in Latin America, where DirecTV has more than 18 million customers. To facilitate approval there, AT&T said it will divest its interest in wireless provider America Movil.

AT&T and DirecTV expect the deal to close within 12 months.

Analysts have questioned the strategic benefits of a deal, particularly because it would give AT&T a larger presence in the mature market for pay TV. □

BlackBerry partnership with Foxconn signals shifting priorities

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JAKARTA, Indonesia - Indonesians have long loved BlackBerry devices. When the company introduced a new phone 2 1/2 years ago, a crowd at shopping mall here became so unruly - in part because of a half-price offer for the first 1,000 buyers - that riot police were rushed in to stand by. But even in Indonesia, BlackBerry's fortunes have changed. Last week, when the company started selling the Z3, a smartphone it made specifically for this market, consumers reacted with a collective shrug.

Nevertheless, the arrival of the Z3, a touch-screen device mainly notable for its budget-friendly \$190 price, signals a new path for the struggling company. BlackBerry, like most phone-makers, has long contracted out the manufacturing of its phones, but the Z3 has also been designed and distributed by Foxconn Technology Group, the giant Taiwanese manufacturer.

BlackBerry's partnership with Foxconn, a company perhaps best known as a builder of iPhones and iPads, comes at a critical time for BlackBerry. Although sales of the company's devices have plummeted globally in recent years, the revenue from the phone business remains vital as John S. Chen, BlackBerry's chairman and chief executive, tries to shift the organization's focus to services and software.

By reaching a deal with Foxconn, Chen may have bought himself some time - if only a little.

"John Chen is just sustaining the handset business as he sorts out the way ahead," said Nick Spencer, an analyst with ABI Research in London. "But at these low volumes, you wonder about BlackBerry's viability. Consumer electronics is about scale."

While a four-hour tour of stores in Jakarta last week found no lines for, and relatively little shopper interest in, the phone, BlackBerry said in a blog post that the Z3 had attracted substan-



A BlackBerry Z3 smartphone is shown by a model during its launch in Jakarta, Indonesia. The Z3 is priced at US\$200 in the country. (AP Photo/Achmad Ibrahim)

tial interest and was sold out by Friday. It did not provide any sales figures. In the last quarter, the company sold 1.3 million phones, compared with 6 million during the same period a year earlier.

But without the phone business, BlackBerry would be a significantly smaller company. During its last quarter, the ailing hardware business still generated 37 percent of BlackBerry's \$976 million in revenue. A year

earlier phones accounted for 61 percent of \$2.7 billion in sales.

While Foxconn cannot do anything to reverse BlackBerry's popularity slide, the partnership will eliminate several financial uncertain-

ties for Chen. A large portion of the \$5.9 billion loss that BlackBerry reported for last year came from writing off unsold phones and unneeded phone parts. Foxconn now assumes that risk. In an interview last week in Jakarta, Chen offered his theory about Foxconn's interest in the partnership. "Sixty to 75 percent of all phones is common parts," Chen said. "Things that we order and that they don't use, they can be used somewhere else. They could be in an HP printer or a Canon whatever or a Dell computer or an iPhone and vice versa." Two representatives for Foxconn declined to comment directly on its relationship with BlackBerry.

"We are focused on supporting our customers by providing services such as research and development, design, manufacturing and logistics support," the company said in a statement. □

AstraZeneca rejects \$119B offer from Pfizer

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LONDON (AP)—The board of AstraZeneca on Monday rejected the improved \$119 billion takeover offer from U.S. drugmaker Pfizer, a decision that caused a sharp slide in the U.K. company's share price as many investors think it effectively brings an end to the protracted and increasingly bitter takeover saga.

The board said in a statement that it "reiterates its confidence in AstraZeneca's ability to deliver on its prospects as an independent, science led business."

Pfizer, which is the world's second-biggest drugmaker by revenue, has been courting No. 8 AstraZeneca since January, arguing their businesses are complementary. On Sunday, it raised its stock-and-cash offer by 15 percent to \$118.8 billion, or 70.73 billion pounds. That would be the richest acquisition ever among drugmakers and the third-biggest in

any industry, according to figures from research firm Dealogic.

AstraZeneca didn't take long to reject the new offer, its board arguing Pfizer is making "an opportunis-

bid over the heads of AstraZeneca's board, the prospect of a deal looks increasingly remote unless AstraZeneca shareholders urge a change of mind. Pfizer has said it hopes As-



AstraZeneca CEO Pascal Soriot leaves the British Parliament's Business Innovation and Skills Committee in central London. The board of AstraZeneca on Monday rejected the improved \$119 billion takeover offer from U.S. drugmaker Pfizer, a decision that caused a sharp slide in the U.K. company's share price. (AP Photo/Lefferis Pitarakis)

tic attempt to acquire a transformed AstraZeneca, without reflecting the value of its exciting pipeline" of experimental drugs. Because Pfizer said it won't raise its offer again or launch a hostile takeover

traZeneca's shareholders will push for a deal.

"This has been going on for quite some time and we have been in very deep engagement over the whole of the weekend," AstraZeneca Chair-

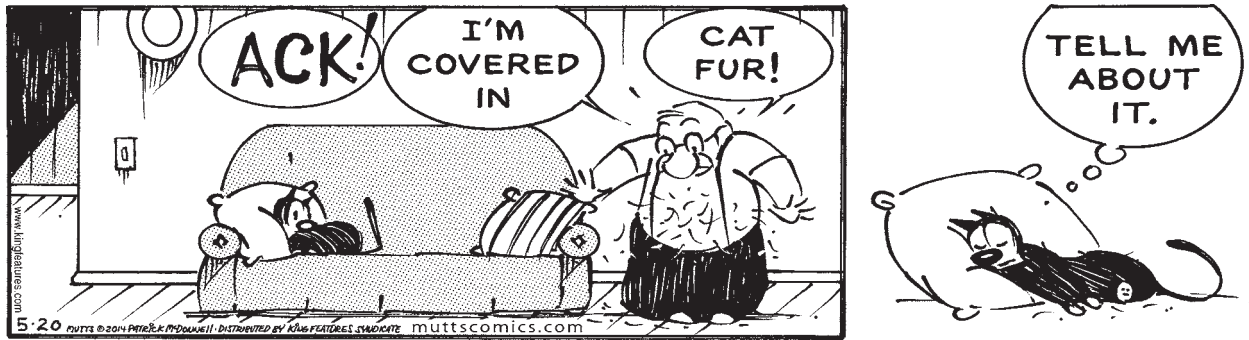
man Leif Johansson told the BBC. "If Pfizer now says this is the final offer I have to believe what they say." Shareholders in AstraZeneca PLC seemed to think a deal is now unlikely, with the company's share price slumping 11.1 percent to 42.87 pounds.

Johansson said his management team had told Pfizer Inc. over the weekend that it would need to see a 10 percent improvement over the 53.50 pounds-per-share offer that was on the table at that time. He said Pfizer's latest offer represented only a "minor improvement" that fell short of the 10 percent needed.

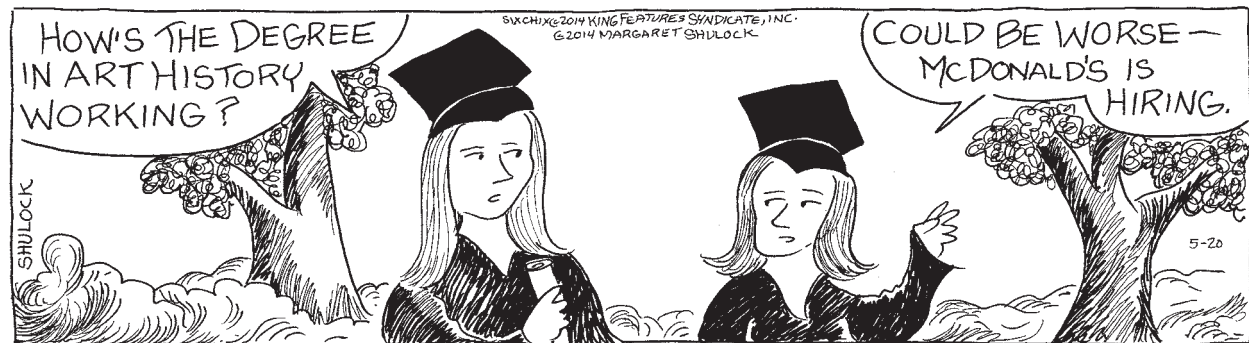
Though it has said its indicative offer is final, Pfizer has, under U.K. takeover rules, until 5 p.m. local time on May 26 to make a formal bid. If it doesn't, it cannot make another offer for six months.

Pfizer's offer comes amid a surge of other deals as drugmakers look to either grow or eliminate noncore assets to focus on their strengths. □

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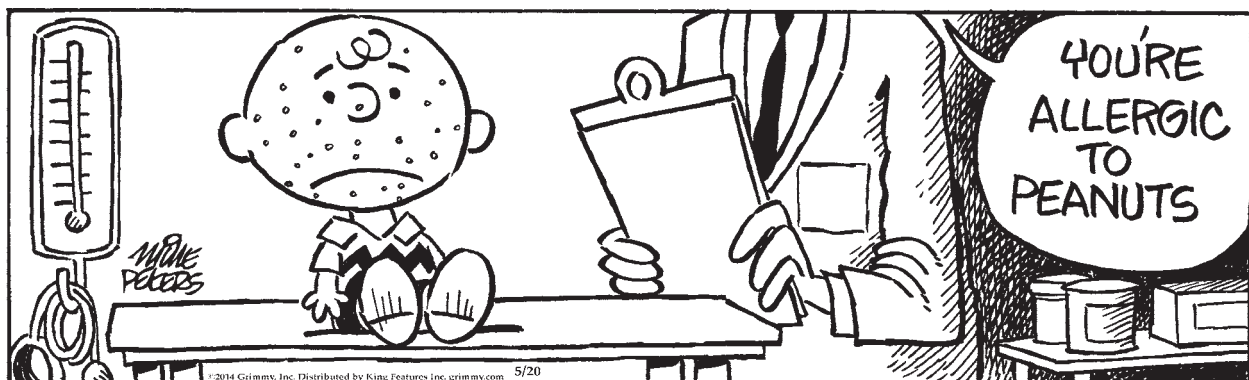
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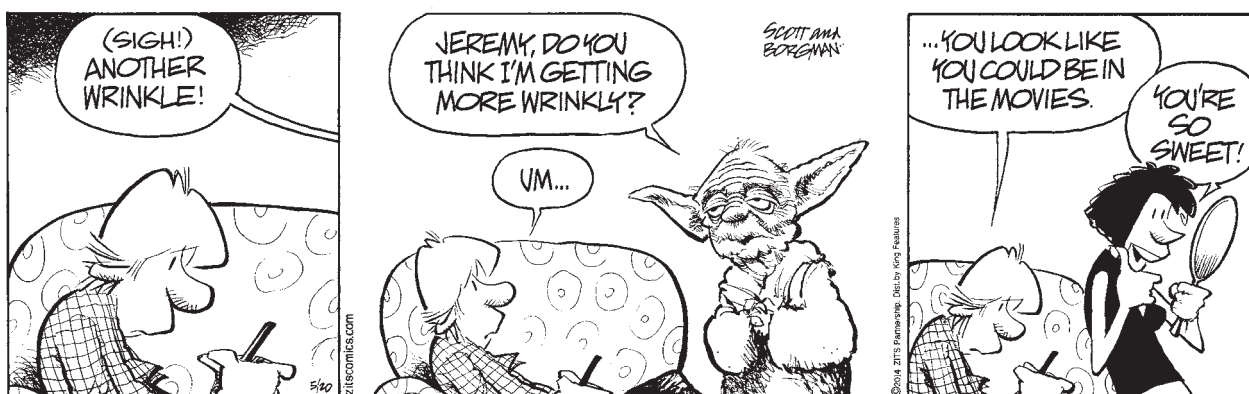
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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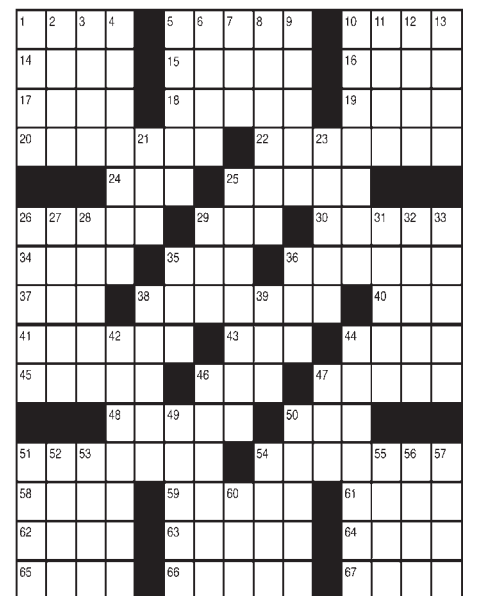
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- Drinks like Fido
- Opening; gap
- Foot's instep
- Qualified
- Apple drink
- Certain
- Song for two
- Make amends
- Juicy fruit
- Dignified
- Religious splits
- Went first
- External
- Fall flower
- Yrbk. section
- Dishonest folks
- the line; followed orders
- Sheep's cry
- Actor Washington
- Retirement acct.
- Window covering
- Eerie saucer, for short
- Diminish
- Half and half
- Get ready, for short
- Cornered
- Thirsty
- In that place
- Valleys
- Drink served hot or cold
- African hunting trips
- Singer Tony
- Sew a sweater
- Groucho's prop
- blue; loyal
- Doing nothing
- Actor Jeremy
- Bullfight shouts
- Recolors
- Conical tent
- State of clutter

DOWN

- Boys
- Border on
- Tearful request
- Moved to a place and put down roots
- Overcook milk
- Compassion
- Turmoil
- Population count
- Build
- Headache remedy
- Regrets
- Stuff
- His and
- Suffix for profit or auction
- Actress Hunt
- Speakers
- Leaning
- More tender to the touch
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- Jolt
- Shade of blue
- to; cite
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- Nail smoother
- Cause of woe
- Author Stanley Gardner
- Today; abbr.
- Actress Harper
- Repub. party

Several new words added to Merriam Webster dictionary

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The following are the top words and definitions added to the latest edition of the Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary:

Auto-Tune or auto-tune vt (verb transitive) (2003): a proprietary signal processor, to adjust or alter (a recording of a voice) with Auto-Tune software or other audio-editing software, especially to correct sung notes that are out of tune.

catfish n (1612): (second definition) a person who sets up a false personal profile on a social networking site for fraudulent or deceptive purposes.

crowdfunding n (2006): the practice of soliciting financial contributions from a large number of people, especially from the online community.

dubstep n (2002): a type of electronic dance music having prominent bass lines and syncopated drum patterns.

fangirl n (1934): a girl or woman who is an extremely or overly enthusiastic fan of someone or something.

freegan n (2006): an activist who scavenges for free food (as in waste receptacles at stores and restaurants) as a means of reducing consumption of resources.

gamification n (2010): the process of adding games or gameline elements to something (as a task) so as to encourage participation.

hashtag n (2008): a word or phrase preceded by the symbol # that classifies or categorizes the accompanying text, such as a tweet.

selfie n (2002): an image of oneself taken by oneself using a digital camera, especially for posting on social networks.

social networking n (1998): the creation and maintenance of personal and business relationships, especially online.

turducken n (1982): a boneless chicken stuffed into a boneless duck stuffed into a boneless turkey. □

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Battle over genetically modified foods in Oregon

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Associated Press

ASHLAND, Oregon (AP) —

Unable to find a good solution to protecting their certified organic seed crops from potential contamination from genetically engineered crops, small organic farmers in this Oregon valley are appealing to a higher power: voters.

They wanted to protect their crops from being cross-pollinated by genetically modified ones, and asked voters in two counties to ban the cultivation of GMOs — a move that would drive producer Syngenta out of the Rogue Valley where the Swiss company grows seed for sugar beets resistant to the popular weed killer Round-up.

Mail-in ballots will be counted in Jackson and Josephine counties on Tuesday. The vote is the latest example of a growing resistance to GMOs from Hawaii to Vermont at a time when genetically modified crops dominate the production of commodities like sugar beets, corn and soybeans. There is no mainstream scientific evidence of a health risk.

"People are becoming more aware of the fact that food in this country is genetically engineered, and they are starting to look into what that might mean in terms of health and the environment," said Laura Murphy of the Environmen-



Chuck Burr cultivates a row of onions May 12, 2014 on his organic seed farm outside Ashland, Ore. Associated Press

tal & Natural Resources Law Clinic at Vermont Law School.

Big agribusinesses, spending millions, and GMO opponents have traded victories in recent years.

This month, Vermont's governor signed a law to make the state the first requiring disclosure of GMO ingredients in food labels, starting in 2016. The National Conference of State Legislatures reports 84 genetically modified food labeling bills are pending in 30 states.

Since 2004, counties in California, Hawaii and Washington state have adopted bans. In 2012, agribusiness groups defeated ballot measures in California and Washington state to require

statewide GMO food labeling. There is now an effort in Oregon to ask voters to require GMO food labeling. In Washington, a bill to nullify state labeling requirements is pending in the U.S. House of Representatives. The Oregon vote is the latest battle over the future of agriculture.

It is set in this picturesque 41-mile (66-kilometer)-long valley near the California border, where Syngenta has operated in near anonymity since 1993, and organic farmers have tapped a growing demand for local produce free of pesticides.

Organic farmers realized they had a problem in 2012, when Chris Hardy tried to lease some land and learned it was right next to a field leased to Syngenta. It soon became clear Syngenta was spread throughout the valley.

Farmers started gathering signatures for a ballot measure banning GMOs, and asked Oregon State

University Extension to help create a mapping system so GMO and organic crops would each be free of the other's pollen.

After about six months, talks broke down, and the organic farmers went ahead with the ballot measure.

Syngenta, a Swiss company with \$14.7 billion in worldwide sales, has been joined by other agricultural giants like Monsanto Co., sugar producers like Amalgamated Sugar, timber companies and farm bureaus as far away as Texas. They have pooled more than \$900,000 to defeat the measures.

Their media campaign has focused on convincing voters that enforcing the ban would divert scarce revenues away from sheriff's patrols and jails.

Syngenta referred comment to the Biotechnology Industry Organization. The group's spokeswoman, Karen Batra, said the ban was "not just an assault on the industry; it is an assault

on farming. It is telling one group of farmers that you can't farm the way that you want or you need or you think is best for your operation."

The ban's supporters, who have raised a third of what opponents have, say they want to protect their crops from contamination by genetically engineered pollen, particularly chard and beets, which could be fertilized by Syngenta's GMO sugar beet pollen. The pollen wouldn't affect the plants in the ground, but would make it impossible to certify the seeds as organic, reducing their value, whether for sale or planting.

Hoping to forestall a patchwork of agricultural regulation, Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber signed legislation last year barring counties from enacting GMO bans, exempting Jackson County because a measure was already on the ballot. He appointed a task force to recommend a way forward.

The law didn't stop opponents in neighboring Josephine County from putting up their own measure. If it passes, they will have to go to court to put it in force.

Chuck Burr grows more than 300 varieties of certified organic seed outside Ashland and is president of the Southern Oregon Seed Growers Association. He said he could not in good conscience try to sell his crop of chard seeds after learning Syngenta had a field close enough to be pollinated by them, and testing was expensive.

"If anybody ever wanted to push small farms out of the valley, that is how they would do it, with GMO crops," he said. □

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Jennifer Lopez has deal for memoir on world tour

NEW YORK (AP) — Jennifer Lopez's latest project is a story of "True Love."

The entertainer has an agreement with Penguin Group (USA) for a book, her first, about her "cathartic" 2012 world tour. The publisher announced Monday that the book will be called "True Love."

It will come out in English and Spanish and will be released through Penguin's Celebra imprint on Oct. 29.

According to Celebra, the book will be a "diary" in which Lopez confides her greatest fears and how she overcomes them. □



Jennifer Lopez poses in the press room with the icon award at the Billboard Music Awards at the MGM Grand Garden Arena on Sunday, May 18, 2014, in Las Vegas.

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In this April 17, 2013 file photo, film producer and honoree Kathleen Kennedy poses at the Pioneer of the Year Dinner at CinemaCon 2013 at Caesars Palace, in Las Vegas.

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Film academy debuts original online short films

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The organization that hands out the Oscars is making some movies of its own.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences is debuting a series of documentary-style digital shorts exploring various aspects of filmmaking. The first three short films premiered online Monday. A new episode is expected each week.

The inaugural shorts cover

distinct themes: how blind people enjoy movies, what it's like to visit the film academy archives and how one screenwriter approaches the creative process.

Produced by the film academy's in-house digital team, future episodes will feature academy members such as Paul Haggis, Kathleen Kennedy and Ava DuVernay. □

Cronenberg's nightmarish, all-star Hollywood tale



From left, director David Cronenberg, actress Julianne Moore and actor John Cusack pose for photographers during a photo call for *Maps to the Stars* at the 67th international film festival, Cannes, southern France, Monday, May 19, 2014.

Associated Press

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CANNES, France (AP)

— "Maps to the Stars" is David Cronenberg's nightmarish, hyper-real tale of vanity, greed and family dysfunction in Hollywood. But it may touch a raw nerve for some in the movie industry.

With an all-star cast, including Julianne Moore, John Cusack and Robert Pattinson, the biting tragi-comedy, that premiered at Cannes Monday has critics guessing if it could produce, at long last, the veteran Canadian director's first Palme d'Or.

It's the story of Benjie Weiss, a troubled child-star brat and recovering drug addict, who earns \$300,000 a week ("enough to (expletive) (mess) up Mother Teresa,") played with scene-stealing cruelty by Evan Bird. He's a relatively unknown 13-year-old who does not look dissimilar to a young(er) Justin Bieber. The film explores the theme of incest. Literally, in the strange relationship Benjie develops with his disfigured sister Agatha, played by Mia Wasikowska; but also metaphorically: in this

suffocating Cronenbergian vision of Tinseltown every star in the movie constellation is linked together, inbred, and not even the darkest secret can remain hidden for long.

Moore is brilliant as the hysterical Havana Segrand, a desperate 40-something actress who lives in the shadow of her forever-young Hollywood icon mother and sleeps with directors to stay in the game.

Carrie Fisher (daughter of icon Debbie Reynolds) plays herself in a cameo as Segrand's friend, while self-reflexive insider references to Scientology-membership boosting career fortune, Robert Downey Jr.'s drug-taking past, or actors manipulating their public image by going on Oprah crop up all over. However, Moore dodged questions about this film mirroring nasty industry realities and wouldn't speak ill of Hollywood — despite her character's obvious message.

"I love the movie business. I'm not here to disparage it," she said.

Cronenberg added with a smirk: "There's nothing

repulsive in the movie business. It's all fabulous."

Can it be that it's still taboo to speak publicly about the movie industry's dark side?

Only John Cusack, who plays a deranged self-help TV guru father, hinted that this neurosis-ridden, dysfunctional image of movie-making was an accurate portrayal. "It was a very familiar eco-system ... of fear and greed and desperation. And there are all sorts of people who function within that (in LA) — feed it, enable it, are predators there," he said. But above all this picture, a laugh-out-loud orgy of narcissism, is Cronenberg's funniest to date. Moore steals the film in a brilliantly macabre scene in which her character jumps up and down in happiness on news that a lead actress' son has died tragically in a swimming pool, opening up a vacancy for her to replace the distraught actress as the film's lead.

It had audiences laughing hysterically out of shock, and was the funniest — if darkest — seen in Cannes so far. □

Networks' plea to viewers: Watch now!

DAVID BAUDER

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — One day into the annual week where television's biggest networks reveal their future programming plans and it was clear what the buzzword was going to be: Eventize.

No matter whether it's a word or not, broadcasters talked frequently about their desire to create big events that viewers need to watch immediately for fear of being left out of the cultural conversation.

Networks are adjusting to the changed world of how people watch their programs: hours or weeks later on DVR, online or on-demand. But the industry's financial structure hasn't caught up yet, so viewers who watch when a program is first aired — once the only way to watch — are considered more valuable.

That's why Fox is putting on a live production of "Grease" and NBC is re-making "The Music Man." Fox is recreating an Evel Knievel motorcycle jump. ABC touts its Oscars telecast and other awards shows. NBC locked up Olympics rights through 2032, and CBS won a bidding war to show NFL football on Thursday night.

Sports usually gets little or no attention in network sales pitches to advertisers. Not this year. ABC,

CBS, NBC and Fox all gave sports a starring role. Why? Very few people DVR sports events.

ABC made the point explicit with a message on a wide video screen: "Your DVR can't handle live."

"We're obsessed with trying to eventize everything we can — even episodes of our scripted shows," said Robert Greenblatt, NBC's entertainment chief.

"It's about the urgency to view," said Fox's Kevin Reilly.

A grand finale won't be enough for CBS' outgoing comedy "Two and a Half Men." The network wants a season's worth of special episodes. David Letterman's retirement will be a "yearlong celebration of Dave." CBS producers have been told to push the envelope, said Nina Tassler, entertainment president, like the surprise death of Will Gardner on a March episode of "The Good Wife."

"It's important to keep your fans engaged," Tassler said. "You keep eventizing your entire season."

TRUTH SQUAD

Jimmy Kimmel is a one-man truth squad each year at ABC's schedule presentation, puncturing the promises of network salesmen, and was particularly sharp this year. He spared no one, not even his bosses, and may have effectively killed a lack-



St. Louis Rams rookie defensive end Michael Sam stretches during the team's NFL football rookie camp Friday, May 16, 2014, in St. Louis.
Associated Press

luster new ABC comedy "Selfie" with a single barb. He also zeroed in on ABC entertainment chief Paul Lee's boast that ABC was No. 1 — in brand identification or some metric. In the Nielsen ratings, ABC is No. 3.

"The ABC I work at is not No. 1," Kimmel said. "In fact, we might have to crash on your couch for a while."

He reminds advertisers the majority of new shows presented to them as surefire hits won't last more than a year. "Don't get attached to our new shows," he said. "It's like adopting a kitten with cancer."

WOMEN IN CHARGE

Women are in charge and they're tough in some upcoming shows. When a CIA agent (Katherine Heigl) promises a president

(Alfre Woodard) some violent retribution for a wrong in NBC's "State of Affairs," the president replies, "That's my girl." Tea Leoni, portraying a secretary of state, takes on White House aides in CBS' "Madam Secretary." Maggie Q beats up bad guys in CBS' "Stalker," and Debra Messing is a police detective who counts to three and shoots on two on NBC's "The Mysteries of Laura." This being television, advertisers were also shown clips of Heigl, Messing and Kate Walsh (NBC's "Bad Judge") in their underwear.

SPORTS

With the extra attention paid to sports at the broadcast networks, it was interesting to see ESPN de-emphasize fun and games. The network's presenta-

tion played up coverage of stories involving Jason Collins, Michael Sam, Donald Sterling and the Boston marathon bombing in an attempt to broaden appeal.

"Sports is our conversation, our social currency," said ESPN sales chief Ed Erhardt. "ESPN is always on at the center of culture."

SOMETHING NEW

New network shows often ape successful formulas, sometimes distressingly so. Every once in a while, an executive takes a wild swing that makes you wonder, "What's that show doing here?" They'll either succeed or fail spectacularly.

There were two this year. Composer Alan Menken works on ABC's "Galavant," a medieval musical that keeps the memory of Monty Python alive. The CW's "Jane the Virgin" is a sweet dramedy that feels completely out of place in a lineup of vampires, zombies and supernatural beings. But it had hands-down the funniest scene in all the clip reels unspooled over the past week.

COMICS

If your mom made you throw away comic books, she may have stunted a career in Hollywood. Comics were again a fertile ground for development. NBC is bringing the Hell-raiser character to life in a drama. □

'Hollow Girl' fitting conclusion to Prager series

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The ninth installment in Reed Farrel Coleman's series featuring Moe Prager, an ex-cop turned private detective, finds the protagonist wracked with guilt over the death of his girlfriend, Pam.

Moe says guilt is a permanent infection: "The thing you've done to bruise the universe may fade, but the guilt never does. Not really. Not ever."

So he withdraws from the world, and he



This book cover image released by Tyrus Books shows "The Hollow Girl," by Reed Farrel Coleman.

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drinks.

It's Moe's brother Aaron who rouses him from his stupor, calls him a coward and challenges him to get off the sauce to help an old friend in need.

The old friend is Nancy Lustig, a rich girl loved and lost by Moe three decades earlier. Given Moe's state of mind, she would seem to be the last person he needs back in his life. But she needs him. Her daughter is missing. Or is she?

The daughter's name

is Sloan, but a decade earlier she'd been an Internet sensation as "The Hollow Girl," captivating audiences with soul-searching videos about her own life and hurtful attacks on her mother. Now, as Moe searches for her, she suddenly pops up again online, her attacks crueler than ever.

Is Sloan doing this of her own volition, or is she caught up in someone else's twisted plan?

Moe attacks the high-tech mystery with old-

fashioned shoe leather while contending with both his guilt and his confusing feelings about the Hollow Girl's mother.

Coleman says "The Hollow Girl" is the "final Moe Prager mystery, and the ending does make it appear that Moe has given up sleuthing for good. If so, the novel is a fitting conclusion to this intelligent, literary series by a fine writer who has made his reputation both as a mystery writer and a poet. □

Friends of Hillary



GAIL COLLINS
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The American economy has gone through some tough times lately. But, happily, we still lead the world in the production of corn, soybeans, beef, cheese and stories about Hillary Clinton. Clinton has become famous in a unique, remarkable way. She's practically an organizing principle for the American consciousness. We see her everywhere. How could Barbara Walters have signed off from "The View" this week without a drop-in from HRC - who holds the record for multiple appearances on Walters' annual Most Fascinating People roundup? How could Gloria Steinem have celebrated her 80th birthday party without a video visit from the former first lady/senator/secretary of state? How could the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries have gotten through its Las Vegas convention without a Hillary speech?

OK, they had to pay her for the last one. But while she was there, somebody threw a shoe at her. At once, the nation had something new to talk about. People were trudging through their days amid dreary domestic headlines about crime, bad weather and congressional gridlock. Then suddenly it was - Hillary! Shoe!

It's so interesting how interested we are in her. Of course, she's a potential presidential candidate. But she's also got the critical national role of being someone Americans all have in common. Ever since the industrial revolution, when Americans abandoned small-town life for anonymous cities, they've bonded by talking about celebrities. In 1800, people chatted over their back fence about the neighbors. In 1900, the guys on the assembly line no longer shared mutual friends, but they all knew that boxing champion John L. Sullivan was a terrible drunk, and had opinions about singer Lillian Russell's generous figure.

Today, the media's getting so fractured we don't even know the same famous people. We're long past the era when 100 million viewers would turn in to see how "M.A.S.H." turned out. There's still the Super Bowl, for which a large chunk of the country gathers around the TV in a touching show of faith that this is going to be the year when it isn't boring. But mainly we surf around for our own special favorite things - the Danish drama on Hulu, the Miley Cyrus video, the blog about "Hogs Gone

Wild." Then on weekends we get together for a multigenerational dinner and talk about ... ourselves. Or the salad.

Or Hillary. It must be an ungodly burden to be both the most important political figure outside the White House and perhaps the last great all-purpose celebrity on the map. She's so familiar she's like a family member - even to the political right, although in that case it's something along the lines of a wicked stepmother. Rush Limbaugh recently entertained the theory that Clinton had "staged or set up" the shoe-throwing incident, although, really, if you were going to try to get attention with that kind of event, you'd have picked someplace more elevating than the scrap recyclers.

For the right, Clinton is responsible for nearly everything bad that occurs in the world, including the terrible kidnapping of the Nigerian schoolgirls - which happened either because Benghazi made us look weak (Laura Ingraham) or because the State Department never formally designated Boko Haram as a foreign terrorist organization. Also, Chelsea got pregnant because her mother wanted the positive press. Somewhere, right now someone is working on a story that will reveal that Hillary Clinton started the elevator fight between Jay-Z and his sister-in-law.

Everybody - right, left and middle - is talking about her presidential candidacy even though we've got more than two years before the presidential nominating convention. Karl Rove made headlines when he reportedly mused that Hillary might be able to conceal a "traumatic brain injury" during a run for the White House. (His estimate that she had spent "30 days" in the hospital after a fall last year was a mere 26 days off.) But Rove was not really worried that the public would fail to take a look at the health issues of all the presidential candidates when the race really begins. He was just keenly aware that without Hillary gossip, he might be stuck analyzing the presidential prospects of the current Democratic field: Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley.

It's hard to imagine what it must feel like to belong to everybody in such an intimate way. There's no one else in the same situation. Barack Obama is universally known, but these days, if you have a conversation at the dinner table about him, the real topic is going to be something like health care or the unemployment rate. We're so aware of his enormous responsibilities, we've sort of lost interest in Obama as a person. He may try to be diverting with the odd comment about sports or his dog, but, really, it doesn't work.

This is why Hillary Clinton is going to run for the White House. She wants to be president so people will stop talking about her. □



Rethinking Campaign Finance



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In 2006, shortly after being elected to Congress - indeed, as he recalls it, before he had even taken his oath of office - John Sarbanes was approached by several Washington lobbyists. "They offered to do a fundraiser for me," he said. "I thought, 'I don't want to start down this road.'" So he put the lobbyists off.

Still, it got Sarbanes, a Democrat from Maryland (and the eldest son of the state's former senator, Paul Sarbanes) thinking - obsessing, really - about the role of money in politics. As he spent more time in Congress, he watched the insidious influence of money. "There is a lot of discussion about how money is targeting elections, but what tends to be neglected is the influence on the governing that takes place afterwards," he told me the other day. "I may raise enough to beat back a super-PAC, but what dependencies does that create?"

"I'm not talking about quid pro quos," he added. "I am talking about human nature. When you need to raise a lot of money, part of you is always thinking, 'What would my patron think?'"

As Nicholas O. Stephanopoulos, an assistant law professor at the University of Chicago, put it in an article last year in the Columbia Law Review: "There is near con-

sensus in the empirical literature that politicians' positions more accurately reflect the views of their donors than those of their constituents."

At the same time, Sarbanes watched as the Supreme Court made a series of rulings that equated money in politics with speech, and began to undo the rules that were meant to prevent big money from overwhelming the system. The best-known of these decisions was Citizens United in 2010, of course, but just last month, in *McCutcheon v. Federal Election Commission*, the court struck down the aggregate federal limit of \$123,200 that individuals could contribute to candidates and parties during a two-year election cycle.

Finally, Sarbanes watched with dismay as his constituents reacted to the influx of big money into politics. "People are convinced that Washington, D.C., is bought and sold and that their voices count for nothing. The question is: What do you do about it?"

For decades, the answer for those in the campaign finance reform movement had always been to try to limit the amount of money any one person could contribute. Although individual contribution limits per candidate are still on the books, that general approach is clearly not viable in the age of the Roberts court.

So Sarbanes and other reformers began to come at the problem from the opposite direction: magnifying the role of the small donor, rather than trying to diminish the role of the large donor. In February, Sarbanes sponsored a bill that tries to do just that, at least for congressional races.

It has three main components. First is a \$50 tax credit per donor per election cycle. Second is a voluntary matching fund system. People who donate up to \$150 to a candidate who has agreed to lower contribution limits and the full disclosure of all donations

will have that donation matched 6 to 1 with federal funds. If the candidate agrees to take no contributions higher than \$150, the match rises to 9 to 1. And finally, it allows candidates to raise additional matching funds in the last 60 days of the election if the candidate feels he needs it to ward off a last-minute advertising blitz. (The bill has disincentives to keep that additional money from being used unless it is really needed.)

"There is a general consensus that the way to go is a multiple matching system," said Fred Wertheimer, the head of Democracy 21 and one of the grand old men of campaign finance reform. For one thing, it engages small donors in the political process - and gives them an incentive because their money is being maximized. But Sarbanes also likes it for another reason: It forces members of Congress and would-be members of Congress to actively solicit the money - and thus the views - of their constituents. "Because it rewards finding small donors, your priorities change," he said. "You don't get co-opted."

So far, the bill has been popular with Democratic legislators - 149 have signed on as co-sponsors, compared with a lone Republican, Walter Jones of North Carolina - but recent polls by Stan Greenberg, the Democratic pollster, suggest that Republican voters like the idea nearly as much as Democratic voters.

"Every time there is another court decision like *McCutcheon* or *Citizens United*, the news causes people to say we have to do something about this," said Nick Nyart of Public Campaign. But it's also important, he added, that people be able to see that there is a viable policy solution.

That's what the Sarbanes bill represents. It is not going to become law today, or even next year, but it stands as a beacon of hope for a frustrated electorate. □

Some Wines Are Worth Not Drinking

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Many people who collect fine wine talk about it as an investment. But is something that pairs nicely with rack of lamb really an investment - or just a way to justify paying tens of thousands of dollars for a single bottle?

If you had been a buyer of the top five Bordeaux producers in France, known as premier cru, over the last century, you made a smart financial move, in addition to one that would please your palate.

A study by three finance professors, presented at a conference in Georgia on Sunday, found that wines from these chateaus - Haut-Brion, Lafite-Rothschild, Latour, Margaux and Mouton-Rothschild - posted annual returns from 1900 to 2012 that beat government bonds, although they trailed equities.

The 5.3 percent real return fell to 4.1 percent after being adjusted for insurance and storage costs. The return was better than other collectibles like fine art and stamps.

This is good news for the many wine collectors out there. According to U.S. Trust's Insights on Wealth & Worth study, 13 percent of all high-net-worth households collect fine wine. Of that group, 49 percent said they saw the wine as an investment. (The rest planned to drink it.)

But more than an affirmation that great wines appreciate as they age and become scarcer, the study found something unique. Great vintages rose quickly in value during the first couple of decades, which might be expected, but wines from mediocre, even bad, vintages started to catch up to the great ones after 50 years.

For the first 25 years, the good vintages were about 3 percent more expensive than the bad ones for each year of age. That price difference began to narrow around 50 years.

"There is a degree of convergence because 100-year-old bottles of wine rarely get drunk," said Elroy Dimson, co-director for the Center of Endowment As-

set Management at the University of Cambridge's Judge Business School and one of the study's authors. "But they look quite good on display."

Another reason for this convergence of price was greater scarcity of the bad vintage than the good one, Dimson and his co-authors Peter L. Rousseau of Vanderbilt University and Christophe Spaenjers of HEC in Paris, found. "Suppose there was a poor-quality vintage - people had the good sense to drink it before it turned to vinegar," Dimson said. "But if you want a vertical run of vin-

It did not use the highly regarded Parker scores (created by the wine critic Robert Parker) because they did not exist for most of the period studied.

One criticism of the study was that it focused only on the very top Bordeaux producers and not other great wine regions in France or, for that matter, Italy or California. Yet the study noted that 80 percent of wine funds were invested in eight red Bordeaux wines. That said, the researchers wrote that the returns for the five premier cru were most likely at the top end for wines in general.

Rothschild, which was released early because it wasn't thought to be great, showed the power of wealthy Chinese buyers. A wine that was originally priced at a couple of hundred dollars a bottle increased 10 times so that one bottle at the peak of the bubble was selling for as much as a case of 12 bottles at release.

Why? "Eight is a lucky number in Asia," he said. "No one could have expected that in the heart of this global recession that Asia could have pulled the wine market out of this slump."

Many chateaus have a

at the end of 2006.

Giovanni Geddes de la Filicaja, chief executive of the Frescobaldi group, which produces two top Tuscan wines, Masseto and Ornellaia, noted that Ornellaia had outperformed the Bordeaux-heavy Liv-ex 100 since September 2011. It has also performed in line with all but one of the first growths since the end of 2008. (The exception is Lafite, which outperformed them all.)

"There is a market for top wines from other regions in the world," Geddes de la Filicaja said. "Investing is not the main reason people buy Italian wines, but it is becoming a factor."

Sokolin said this was a good time for wine investors to buy because the Liv-ex 100 was still down from its June 2011 peak of 365. It is now trading around 240. "I call now a starting point," he said. "Prices have backed off, and there is a growing consumer base" in emerging markets.

Yet despite increased demand for great wines from parts of Italy and Burgundy in France, Sokolin remains bullish on Bordeaux. "The thing that makes Bordeaux such an incredible wine investment is there is such a long, solid track record among the greatest 20 producers," he said.

"I can't tell you if Google will be the leading search engine 30 years from now, or if there will even be search engines, but the one thing you know is there won't be any more '90 Latours."

There is also another factor in play: big supply. "Bordeaux is the only wine in the world that can provide excellence and quantity," Mentzelopoulos said. "If you want to buy an '82 Margaux tomorrow you can find it."

"Other wines are based on scarcity," she added, before mentioning two famous California wines. "If you want to have a Screaming Eagle or a Harlan Estates from '05, I don't know you can find it so easily."

Availability is, of course, relative. That '82 Margaux would set you back about \$1,100. □



Several bottles of Petrus Pomerol Grand Vin on display at Jointek Fine Wines, an exclusive wine store in Honk Kong. Wine collectors who have purchased from the top five Bordeaux producers in France have made a smart investment over the last century, a study says, posting annual returns from 1900 to 2012 that beat government bonds.

(Dean Cox/The New York Times)

tages, you might pay more than you ought to for one you need."

Corinne Mentzelopoulos, owner of Château Margaux, said this finding made sense to her. "As the wines age, maybe after 40 or 50 years, people have the tendency to forget about the vintage," she said. "I'm not quite aware of the quality of the 1902 or 1904 Margaux, but should I find a bottle somewhere that looks real I would buy it for the wine cellar."

Dimson said the study was based on auction prices for wine sold through Christie's and retail prices from Berry Bros. & Rudd, a centuries-old wine merchant in London.

As with any investment report, past performance is no guarantee of future returns.

Bubbles can form in the wine market, as they did after the financial crisis, when Chinese buyers began buying Bordeaux.

"They didn't care about the vintage as much as the label condition and the brand name," said David Sokolin, chief executive of Sokolin, a third-generation wine merchant in New York and author of "Investing in Liquid Assets: Uncorking Profits in Today's Global Wine Market." "We saw the first growths go up in price to unprecedented levels." Sokolin said the 2008 vintage of Château Lafite-

second wine that is still good but not on the level of the main wine, which makes it considerably cheaper. Asian buyers, Sokolin said, drove up the price of Lafite's second label, Carruades de Lafite-Rothschild, to \$300, from less than \$100. "It was the cheapest way for Lafite-obsessed Asians to get their hands on a label that says Lafite," he said.

But just because Bordeaux has dominated in wine collecting and investing for centuries does not mean other regions are not gaining ground. The total trade by value of Italian wines on the Liv-ex Fine Wine 100 index was 6 percent at the end of 2013, from 1 percent